

MORI poll predicts another Conservative landslide

Labour fails to advance in marginals

● Returns in the latest MORI/Times poll in key marginal seats indicate that the Conservatives could win the election with a majority of 140 seats

● Mrs Thatcher launched a sharp counter attack on opposition charges that she lacked compassion

● The Tories reopened fire on Labour's defence policy after Mr Peter Shore's doubts on unilateral disarmament were reported at the weekend

● A CBI survey says orders are flowing into British factories at the fastest rate for more than 10 years

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Conservatives remain on course to win the general election by a margin almost as large as the landslide in 1983, according to the latest MORI/Times poll of marginal constituencies.

It shows the Tories with a 14 per cent lead over the Alliance in the marginal seats in which the Liberals or SDP ran second last time and with an 8 per cent over Labour in the Conservative-Labour marginals.

Shore in defence policy row

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Conservative Party last night reopened fire on Labour's non-nuclear defence policy after doubts were raised by the re-elected Mr Peter Shore to serve in a Labour government pledged to unilateral disarmament.

A report in the *Sunday Telegraph* yesterday said that Mr Shore had said a decision whether to accept office "would raise all sorts of questions and difficulties" and that when pressed to say whether he would serve, Mr Shore replied: "No answer".

He was also reported as being critical of Mr Denis Healey's and Mr Roy Hattersley's failure to oppose unilateralism.

After the report was published Mr Shore was quoted as saying that it contained "a great deal of inference".

Yesterday, he made no further comment but was said by colleagues to be furious at the way his views had been presented. It was said that he had decided against issuing a statement in order to avoid giving prominence to an inaccurate report.

However, Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Defence, said that Mr Shore had brought into the open the deep Labour split on defence.

Blown hopes

Ayrton Senna, of Brazil, driving a Camel Lotus-Ford, won the Monaco Grand Prix in procession style after the Williams of Britain's Nigel Mansell, the early leader, was retired with a blown exhaust.

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● The weekly £8,000 prize in the Times Portfolio Gold competition £4,000 was shared by Mr C Shah of Balham, south-west London and Mr A Fems of Bridlington or Humber. Details, page 3.

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Labour, needing to capture 117 seats to win, would gain no more than a handful if the poll responses were repeated in the key seats, leaving the Conservatives with a majority of 140 seats.

An average of the overall national opinion polls taken between May 26 and May 29 suggests the following support for the parties: Conservatives 43 per cent, Labour 34 per cent, Alliance 23 per cent.

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cent and Alliance 21 per cent. On a uniform swing that would give the Conservatives 355 seats, Labour 255, the Alliance 17 and others 23 per cent, a Conservative overall majority of 60.

But the evidence is that Labour is doing worse in the marginal seats on which the election outcome will depend. If the pattern shown by the *Times*/MORI poll taken in 73 marginal constituencies last Friday and Saturday were to be repeated on June 11 the distribution would be: Conservatives 395 seats, Labour 212, Alliance 20 and others 23, a Conservative majority of 140.

Overall, Labour would gain three seats more than it had at the nadir of its fortunes in 1983; the Conservatives would lose two.

It seems that Labour has increased its support in its heartland seats and in the marginal seats where the Alliance ran second to the Conservatives last time. But it is failing to make any breakthrough in the key Conservative-Labour marginals.

UK factory orders at 10-year high

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Orders are flowing into Britain's factories at the fastest rate for more than 10 years, according to the last monthly Confederation of British Industry survey of business before the election.

The 1,646 leading companies responsible for more than half the jobs in manufacturing industry and who produce almost 50 per cent of Britain's export goods have order books at their best level since April 1977.

Mr David Wigglesworth, chairman of the CBI's economic situation panel, said: "These strong results reinforce the growth pattern of the past few surveys. But the relative strength of the pound over the survey period has meant that

many firms have been able to maintain export volume only at the expense of profit margins. They will welcome the recent easing of sterling to a more competitive level but continue to be concerned about the level of interest rates compared with other major industrial countries and the problems caused by exchange rate volatility."

Government attempts to prevent any further rise in sterling, through interest rate cuts and direct foreign exchange intervention, would not only help to stop a further loss of international competitiveness and bring British real interest rates more into line with competitor countries but would also directly benefit industry by cutting its costs.

The CBI said if this policy was to succeed, it must stabilize sterling without overheating of the domestic economy or significantly faster inflation.

It said: "The best insurance policy would be to continue the current cautious approach, nibbling away at base rates half per cent at a time."

Order books were above normal in 27 per cent of the firms in the survey.

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MORI measured party support in those at Conservatives 42 per cent, Labour 34 per cent, Alliance 23 per cent and Others 1 per cent. Since the general election of 1983 Labour is 1 per cent up, while Tory and Alliance support has stayed the same.

In the Conservative/Alliance marginals, MORI measured support at Conservatives 43 per cent, Alliance 29 per cent and Labour 25 per cent. Compared with 1983 that puts Labour seven points up, the Conservatives on the same mark and the Alliance 8 points down. In those seats Labour's advance merely helps the Conservatives to hold on.

The results of the *Times*/MORI marginals poll will disappoint Labour. But they are even more depressing for the Alliance. The willingness of their voters to turn out and vote, their expectation of their party's prospects and the strength of their party conviction, suggest that the Alliance has much the "softest" vote and that its supporters have begun to lose heart in the face of early poll setbacks, despite the fact that the Alliance made significant progress over the last 10 days in 1983.

The *Times*/MORI results follow those from three national opinion polls published at the weekend which showed the Conservatives with a lead varying from 4 to 12 per cent.

● MORI interviewed a representative quota sample of 1,420 adults in 73 Conservative-held marginal constituencies throughout Great Britain. Interviews were conducted face-to-face between 29-30 May 1987.

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Mr Steel and Mrs Williams in Rochdale yesterday (Photograph: Barry Greenwood).

Opposition focuses attack on Thatcher

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister's personality and style of government were made a prime target of the opposition parties yesterday as the general election campaign entered its final 10 days.

But Mrs Margaret Thatcher launched an immediate counter-attack when she signalled a Conservative onslaught this week on Labour's relations with the trade unions. The Tories aim to show that the return of a Labour government will lead to mob rule and industrial chaos.

She retaliated sharply against charges that she lacked compassion by stating that she cared deeply about people having dignity and not being "treated as block voters".

Labour's election committee, meeting in good spirits after a series of opinion polls suggested that the defence controversy had not halted the party's steady improvement, decided to intensify efforts to put over its policies on jobs,

schools, hospitals and the fight against crime.

But Labour is to step up its attack on the Tory manifesto after evidence from private polls suggested that the Conservative proposals on education and housing are worrying many voters.

"The Tory manifesto seems to lack appeal. It is seen as a threat more than a promise," a senior Labour source said.

Part of Labour's new strategy will be the onslaught against Mrs Thatcher and "10 more years of Thatcherism".

In a speech in Halifax, Mr Bryan Gould, Labour's campaign co-ordinator, said that Mrs Thatcher's personality encompassed all the campaign issues: none could be fully understood without taking into account her personal impact on government policy.

"Her personality, her temperament, her background, the narrowness of her outlook and her values, cut her off from ordinary people."

Alliance rallies in Rochdale

By Michael Binyon

It was festival time in Rochdale yesterday — the annual town parade with floats, fun fairs and oomph, the old people's home garden party, the Muslim immigrants' festival to mark the end of Ramadan, and big Cyril's grand North of England Alliance rally.

Luckily there was plenty of sun for all of them, and with bus loads of candidates, placards and Liberal faithful from all the North, a decent enough turnout to greet David Steel, Shirley Williams, and Liberal MPs past and present.

It was the sort of day when you could sit on the freshly mown school playing field, admire the yellow roses, yellow balloons, yellow buses and litter bins and wish that all campaigning had such peaceful pastoral, oh so English gentleness.

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Iran threat to charge envoy steps up crisis

By Richard Beeston, and Robert Fisk in Bahrain

Iran upped the stakes in the increasingly bitter diplomatic feud with Britain yesterday when it informed London that it intends to lay charges against a senior British diplomat in Tehran, in spite of his diplomatic immunity under the Vienna convention.

The Swedish chargé d'affaires to Iran, Mr Karl-Gustaf Franzen, accompanied by a Second Secretary from the British mission, was summoned to the Iranian Foreign Ministry and informed that Mr Edward Chaplin, the First Secretary of the British interests section, would be charged.

Mr Chaplin was abducted and held for 24 hours last week in apparent retaliation for the arrest in Manchester on shoplifting charges of an Iranian employee of the Consulate-General, Mr Ahmed Ghassemi.

The Iranians have not said what Mr Chaplin is accused of, but the announcement by the Iranian regime drew an angry response from the Foreign Office, which summoned the Iranian chargé d'affaires in London, Mr Muhammad Mahdi Akhond Basti, whose Government was strongly rebuked in a half-hour meeting with the Deputy Under Secretary of State, Mr Alan Munro.

"He was told to go away and take up the matter with his Government," a Foreign Office spokesman said.

Diplomats predicted that the crisis could come to a head with the next 24 hours and did not rule out the possibility that Britain might sever diplomatic relations if Iran takes further action against British representatives in Tehran.

British officials in Tehran yesterday indefinitely closed their visa section in protest at Mr Chaplin's detention and imprisonment.

Mr Ali Akbar Velayati, the Iranian Foreign Minister, was in Abu Dhabi yesterday but felt unable to make any comment on Mr Chaplin's ordeal — possibly because the abduction was carried out by factions within the Government. Western diplomats in Tehran were making no secret of the fact yesterday that the detention was ordered by an official revolutionary committee, which was probably acting on behalf of radicals within the regime.

British diplomats in Tehran last night refused to comment on the crisis, describing the situation as "very delicate".

The affair comes at a dramatic moment in Iran's relationship with the Arab Gulf countries and at a time when the Iranian leadership is threatening the Americans with retaliation if they involve themselves in the Gulf War.

In Tehran last night the Iranians renewed their claim that Mr Qassemi had been illegally arrested and "barbarously manhandled by the British police".

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Vice-consul goes into hiding after threats

By Ian Smith

The Iranian vice-consul, Mr Ahmad Ghassemi, whose arrest is being linked with the violent seizure in Tehran of the British diplomat, Mr Edward Chaplin, was last night in hiding because of reprisal fears.

Mr Saeed Nikfarjam, an official at the Iranian Consulate in Manchester said an anonymous telephone call was received there shortly after Mr Chaplin was kidnapped at gunpoint by Revolutionary Guards. The caller threatened Iranian diplomats' lives if Mr Chaplin was injured.

Three hours after the call was received Mr Ghassemi appeared before a special sitting of Manchester City Magistrates on charges of shoplifting, reckless driving, assaulting a police officer and damaging his wrist watch.

"My colleague was badly beaten by police who attacked him when he left his home on Thursday and the doctor who subsequently treated him for his injuries says he is lucky to be alive," added Mr. Nikfarjam.

'Intolerable indecision' of Soviet forces Top officers pay for failure

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

More heads in the embarrassed Soviet military hierarchy are expected to roll as the leadership exacts a heavy price for the catalogue of errors which permitted a young West German pilot to land on the fringes of Red Square last week.

In its statement after Saturday's emergency session, the Politburo said that the anti-aircraft defence forces command had shown "intolerable indecision and indecision about cutting short the flight of the violator plane without resorting to combat means."

Soviet sources said that a special investigation into the incident by the Soviet prosecutor's office was already underway. It will decide what charges are to be preferred against negligent officials and Herr Mathias Rust, the 19-year-old pilot West German.

Yesterday, Herr Rust, a computer operator from

Hamburg with remarkably little flying experience, was still under interrogation by the KGB.

Soviet sources told *The Times* that a number of senior military officers had refused to make a decision on how to deal with Herr Rust's single-engine plane because more senior figures were away in East Berlin at the Warsaw Pact summit.

The sources told *The Times* that the incident was treated as a prime example of how the armed forces had failed to adopt Mr Gorbachev's reform programme, notably his call for more individual initiative. "It is a clear example of what happens when there is resistance to perestroika (reconstruction). People were just passing the buck down the line."

Although the Cessna Sky Hawk could well have been carrying an armed terrorist, diplomatic observers believe

that one reason it was not downed were continuing repercussions inside the military from the incident in September, 1983, when all 269 people on board a South Korean jumbo jet were killed when it was attacked by a Soviet fighter.

"It seems that the international outrage caused then penetrated the ranks of those in charge last week," one diplomat said. "As in so many other cases, there was a reluctance to take a decision without first referring up."

After the dismissal on Saturday of the Commander-in-Chief of Air Defences, Marshal Aleksandr Koldunov, and the enforced retirement of the Defence Minister, Marshal Sergei Sokolov, further action against others now seems inevitable.

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West Germany votes Rusty the new Red Baron

Bonn (Reuters) — Mathias Rust, the teenager who landed a rented plane in Moscow's Red Square, has emerged overnight as West Germany's new flying ace and a national hero.

Every newspaper in the country thrilled over the daredevil flight of "Rusty the Kremlin pilot" and a flash poll showed he had captured the hearts of 88 per cent of the people. Some West Germans have been comparing him with Manfred von Richthofen, the "Red Baron" of the First World War.

Reporters have been to see his double-bunk bed in the room he shares with his brother, counted the budgeters in the family home near Hamburg and interviewed the girls who never dated the shy 19-year-old.

"He's not my type at all, he's so

withdrawn. Of course, I told him to shove off," said Jessica, 17. "Mathias was always a complete outcast, he got mad easily. I can't see him with a girlfriend," added Petra, 19.

No one seems to care, for now, why Rust bravely Soviet air defences to set his single-engine Cessna down by the Soviet inner sanctum on Thursday after circling the Kremlin three times above stunned Muscovites.

"Finally somebody has succeeded in stealing the show from Mikhail Gorbachev. It was high time," said Munich's daily *Merkur*. The Hamburg *Morgenpost* called Rust's adventure "the stuff of films."

There are, however, two questions in West German minds. What will the Russians do to him and will the

impassioned pilot ever be allowed to fly again?

Gorbachev's rapid purge of military chiefs held responsible for letting the Cessna through has persuaded most West German commentators that Moscow will not be hard on Rust.

Mr Valentin Falin, a former ambassador to West Germany and now head of the Soviet Novosti press agency, is a confidante of the Soviet leader and confirmed this impression in an interview given in Moscow for Monday's Hamburg *Morgenpost*. "For one thing, we will thank him for drawing our attention to the gaps in Soviet air defences. It could be that he will be put on trial — that would be normal. But I reckon that the young man will see his parents and friends again soon," he said.

Rust stands to lose the one thing he treasures most — his pilot's licence.

"He must give back his pilot's licence and he will not be allowed to fly again," Herr Helmut Gass, Hamburg Aero-Club vice-president, said last Friday.

Rust's parents, friends and school-fellows are in no doubt this would be the worst possible punishment for his stunt but they are unable to explain his motives.

A school friend called Axel, who shares Rust's passion for planes, told today's *Bild Am Sonntag* newspaper that Rust had a sense of justice.

"He did what he wanted and kept quiet about it. He has a sense of justice," he said.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Woman dies on 'Mad Sunday'

A woman pillion passenger aged 25 died and two other motorcyclists were seriously injured yesterday on the Isle of Man's traditional "Mad Sunday" when amateur riders take to the roads.

The woman died instantly when three motor-cycles and a car were in collision as they were entering the most notorious spot in the Isle of Man's TT race: the hump-backed Ballaugh bridge.

The riders, like thousands of other motor-cycle enthusiasts, are thought to have been following the 374-mile route of the TT race during a rest day.

Students burnt

Two Cambridge undergraduates were "very seriously ill" last night after grabbing hold of a 25,000-volt electric cable.

Mr Ian Fillingan, aged 21, and Mr Neil Crundwell, aged 23, were badly burnt after starting to climb on to the roof of a British Rail buffet car.

A third student, Mr Chris Kufour, aged 20, was also burnt as he ran to help his friends.

Pakistani inquiry

Scotland Yard's Special Branch is checking whether a Pakistani man with possible connections to Middle Eastern terrorism has slipped into Britain using a false identity.

Police have no intelligence to link the man, named as Sajjad Sajjaji, with either Libya or the IRA, but the general election has brought a period of heightened security.

Prayers for Waite

Prayers for Mr Terry Waite were said in churches throughout the country yesterday, his forty-eighth birthday.

Mr Waite disappeared in Beirut on January 20, on a mission to negotiate the freedom of western hostages.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, included Mr Waite in his prayers when he attended the morning service at St Mary's, Chatham, Kent.

Aids plot charge

Three men and a woman from Northern Ireland were charged on Saturday with demanding £350,000 with menaces from Marks & Spencer after threatening to contaminate food with Aids-infected blood.

Kieran King, aged 27, Denis Corry, aged 22, and John Heaney, aged 26, all from the Twinbrook estate in west Belfast, were remanded in custody when they appeared at Belfast Magistrates' Court.

Marina Gawly, aged 19, from Newtownabbey, Co Antrim, was released on conditional bail.

Boating tragedy

Two men drowned on the Norfolk Broads at the weekend after a rescue attempt went tragically wrong.

Mr Simon Davies, aged 18, of Swansea, slipped off a pleasure cruiser into the River Yare at Reedham.

Mr Chris Cole, aged 22, his brother-in-law, also of Swansea, dived in to try and save him but was also drowned.

Neither man was wearing a lifebelt.

Riot vehicles ready

Scotland Yard is to take delivery next month of the first specially designed riot vehicles which were ordered in the aftermath of the Broadwater Farm riots, in north London, two years ago to protect police against heavily-armed mobs.

Smithfield showdown postponed

A meat company yesterday postponed its plan to break a union's 50-year-old monopoly on appointing porters at Smithfield Market in London.

The Botswana-owned Allied Meat Importers (AMI) had refused to fill a vacancy for a fork-lift driver with a man nominated by the Transport and General Workers' Union (TGWU) and was threatening to start operations with outside labour from mid-night last night. But it has agreed to further talks today with the union and fellow market traders.

Its refusal to hire the union's man led to a two-week closure of its operations at the market, which had only begun the day before, and an estimated £250,000 loss in orders.

Mr Peter Martinelli, the firm's manager at Smithfield, said AMI entered the market on May 12 on the understanding that "antiquated and restrictive" union practices would cease — the most restrictive of which was the "denial of an employer's right to select workforce".

He said AMI accepted the principle of hiring workers put forward by the TGWU but wanted a choice from at least three candidates.

Battle for Tokyo air run begins

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

A classic aviation confrontation in which passengers can be the only winners, began yesterday as British Caledonian Airways launched its first non-stop flight to Tokyo.

Even before the Boeing 747 had left Gatwick, British Caledonian's chairman, Sir Adam Thomson, attacked British Airways, who will be operating the same route from next Thursday.

"British Airways is no longer a state airline and can no longer regard itself as the single chosen instrument for British Civil Aviation development", he said.

Earlier BA chairman, Lord King of Warrnaby, and chief executive, Mr Colin Marshall, spoke of their determination to persuade the Government to recognize their main competition came from overseas carriers and not from other British airlines who, they believe, should concentrate on short-haul services.

B Cal saw this as an attack on its independence and a signal that BA would stop at nothing in its attempt to become the dominant British airline.

Both airlines will meet head-on in providing direct non-stop services to Tokyo.

Missing cash mystery of street shooting

By Stewart Tandler, Crime Reporter

cris leaving his office and the shooting. Police are investigating whether the dead man spent the money or was robbed elsewhere.

They are also considering whether he died because of a deal that went wrong or because his assassin mistook him for someone involved in an underworld feud.

The gunman, who had been waiting for more than two hours in a stolen van, stepped up behind him, tapped him on the shoulder and then fired five times from an automatic pistol.



Captain Harry Gee in his Brymon Dash yesterday, as he became the first pilot to use London's City airport (Photograph: Alan Weller).

Whitehall union's dilemma over left ballot victory

By Tim Jones

Leaders of Britain's biggest Civil Service union will today come under pressure not to announce the results of elections in which left-wingers have gained control of the national executive.

Leaders of the Civil and Public Services Association know that once they make the announcement there are certain to be renewed allegations of ballot irregularities and demands for a re-run of the elections.

The results of the elections, in which Mr John Macrae, a supporter of Militant Tendency, has been elected as deputy general secretary, have already been delayed for a fortnight.

That is because ballot papers from more than 100 branches representing about 10,000 votes were never received by the London firm of accountants which acts as the union's returning officer.

Last year, in the election for the general secretary, Mr Macrae won by 121 votes but lost a re-run election to his moderate rival Mr John Ellis

The electricians' union intends to continue negotiating single union deals in spite of growing opposition from powerful left-led power blocks.

The decision by the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union is certain to lead to renewed calls to have it expelled from the TUC when it meets in September.

The union has already been instructed by the TUC to pull out of one such deal and it faces a further complaint. The union has no intention of backing out of the single union

arrangements it has signed with more than 20 other companies.

At the TUC, some unions, led by the transport workers, will attempt to have such deals outlawed on the grounds that they deprive workers "of the fundamental right to strike".

At the union's conference which begins today Mr Hammond will make a strong defence of the EETPU's role at Mr Rupert Murdoch's print plant at Wapping in east London, where his members are employed by News International.

into the "loss" in the post of several thousand voting papers and the return of several thousand more "spoiled papers" which failed to carry the signature of two local union officials.

Mr Bourne is expected to tell the union's general secretary the ballot has been "flawed" and then it will be up to Mr Ellis to decide what to do.

The CPSA President, Mrs Marion Chambers said the responsibility was the returning officer's. "If he is satisfied there has been a fair ballot, then he will declare a result," she said. But it is understood that voting for the committee representing members of the CPSA inside the Department of Employment has also been "flawed" and that it will be impossible to declare a result there.

Prisoners opting to serve overseas

A British man chose to complete his jail sentence in Sweden although he was "completely disoriented, glassy-eyed, mentally damaged and unable to walk straight" after eight months in solitary confinement.

The condition of the man was reported by Miss Joe Partman, a representative of the National Council for the Welfare of Prisoners Abroad, who visited him in Sweden.

But he apparently chose to see out his sentence in Sweden rather than be transferred to a British jail where he believed conditions would be worse. He was released last month.

The council says the case is an example of the way international arrangements for the transfer of prisoners to their home countries are breaking down.

In the case of Britain it is partly because some prisoners

think they are better off in other countries unless pressing family reasons make them seek access to overcrowded jails in this country. Even then they may be frustrated by bureaucracy.

Sixteen prisoners have been transferred to other countries from jails in this country but only six Britons have returned to complete their sentences here, according to Home Office figures.

The council is in touch with 65 British prisoners in France, 36 in Spain, 16 in the United States, three in Sweden, two in Austria, and one in Canada. But many more British prisoners are being held overseas.

Other countries to have ratified the Council of Europe Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons are Cyprus, Denmark and Finland. The UK ratified the agreement in April 1985.

Bomb alert

The innocent 'conspirators'

By Ian Smith

Two bemused Irish salesmen mistaken for IRA gunmen flew home last night after starting a big terrorist alert involving armed police and an Army bomb disposal team.

Police swung into action when a woman saw the two men burying a drum in a woodland area near Caerwys, a sleepy North Wales hamlet better known as the principality's smallest village than a hot-bed for terrorism.

The registration number of the vehicle carrying the two men was flashed to all area squad cars and, once located on the hilly roads, was shadowed by armed detectives as it headed towards Manchester airport.

Then, when its occupants

left the car at the airport and sauntered towards the departure lounge, they were seized at gunpoint. Part of the airport was cordoned off and dogs trained to detect explosives set sniffing around the vehicle.

Meanwhile, an Army bomb disposal team, arrived in Caerwys and set charges to explode the drum buried near a buttercups patch.

A high speed journey back to Mold police station followed where the two Irishmen were confronted by an equally puzzled Welsh village business-man and the three men were arrested under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

Only after they had spent the night at Mold police station being questioned

about suspected links between the IRA, Free Wales Army and a general election bomb plot did the truth emerge.

Instead of being undercover IRA sympathizers they turned out to be two small-time salesmen returning to Belfast after an unsuccessful business trip. One of them had formerly run a small business in Mold selling window cleaning cloths.

Anxious to cut his losses he returned with a colleague to the Welsh town hoping to sell a drum of nitro benzene, one of the chemicals used to impregnate the cleaning cloths. When he failed to find a buyer he and his companion decided to cut their losses and bury it.

Homeless hotel costs rise

The cost of providing bed and breakfast accommodation for homeless families in London boroughs will exceed £100 million this year, according to a survey published today.

Reports from Shelter and the London Research Centre say nearly 8,000 families were living in hotels on March 31 — double the figure of 15 months ago.

The survey, published in Shelter's magazine Roof and London Housing News also

found London boroughs will have paid £63 million in 1986-87 to hoteliers, compared with £8.5 million in 1983-84. The DHSS will pay a further £20 million in 1986-87, Shelter says.

Its research/campaign worker, Mr Jonathan Stearn, said today: "Public money is clearly being wasted paying for hotel rooms. Ministers continue to place unrealistic limits on housing investment although their own calculations

show that this is not sound economics. In fact it is financial and social lunacy."

The organization says that despite the increased use of other forms of temporary accommodation, the number of families in hotels is increasing at a rate of nearly 300 a month.

Miss Sheila McKeechie, Shelter director, said: "Living in a hotel room is no holiday. Conditions in these hotels are often appalling."

Barristers call for advertising ballot

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The 5,500 practising barristers in England and Wales should be balloted on whether the profession's rules should be changed to allow advertising, two barristers, who sit on the Bar Council's public affairs committee, say. They have "serious doubts" whether the present blanket restrictions are even lawful.

"They almost certainly amount to a restraint of trade and an anti-competitive practice" and could only be sustained if shown to be in the public interest, Mr David Farrer, QC, and Mr Anthony Speight say.

Their call for a ballot, in the current issue of the Bar magazine, Counsel, comes in response to the shelving by Bar leaders of controversial proposals to allow barristers to advertise in brochures and journals.

They say there are now compelling reasons to abolish the present restrictions.

"Members of an independent profession ought to be permitted to give to potential clients information about the services they offer", they say.

Another reason is that the Bar is considering relaxing rules to allow direct access to counsel by other professions,

without going through a solicitor.

If the Bar expands its market in this way, the advertising rules will need revision: "Other professions, unlike solicitors, do not generally have personal links with barristers' clerks", the writers say.

Barristers would also to some extent be competing for work with solicitors and ought to be free to publicize the fact, particularly outside London, they add.

The original proposals from a Bar Council sub-committee under Mr Nicholas Phillips, QC, were for a Bar directory giving details of the specialization and qualifications of every barrister. This was agreed and details are being worked out.

But the committee also wanted changes in the rules to allow publication of brochures by chambers, giving similar information as well as details such as the clerk's name, fax and telephone numbers, together with similar advertising in professional journals.

The Bar Committee, was divided on these and they were shelved. But the issue comes up later this year when amendments to the code of conduct are considered.

Hospital 'funding is under target'

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Spending on hospital services has failed to meet the Government's own estimates of the resources needed during the past five years, a report published today claims.

The report, which will embarrass the Government, is by the independent King's Fund Institute, and shows that since 1982 spending on hospital and community services grew by less than 0.5 per cent each year, failing to cover the cost of demographic growth and medical advances.

However spending on health services which are not cash limited, such as general practitioners has increased.

The report shows that in successive years acute services spending has been squeezed at the expense of spending on family practitioner services.

Last year the Government spent only 0.3 per cent on hospital services, in spite of its claims that these needed a real annual increase of 2 per cent. Although health authorities' own cost improvements released a further £150 million this only pushed resources up to 1.8 per cent once NHS pay and prices were taken into account.

In the same year spending on the family practitioner services increased by 2.4 per cent, but total government spending on the NHS still only averaged out at 1.1 per cent.

The report says that although more money has been allocated this year, the service will be able to meet demand only if pending pay awards are kept in check.

Last year the then minister of health, Mr Barney Hayhoe, admitted that resources needed to grow by roughly 1 per cent to cover the needs of the elderly and by a further 1 per cent for advances in medical technology.

The King's Fund Institute says that efficiency savings have been crucial to maintain this growth, but there are fears about service reductions.

Expenditure on the Family Practitioner Services has grown at quite a buoyant rate in almost every year during the 1980s, the Institute says.

The report concludes that although the NHS has done well compared with other areas of public expenditure, it has failed to satisfy public opinion on the desired level of health care expenditure.

A Marplan poll in March 1987 confirmed that since 1985 there had been a sharp increase in the proportion of respondents who felt that taxes should be raised to finance more NHS spending.

"Taken together, these results raise serious doubts about whether the levels of expenditure on health during most of the 1980s have accorded with the wishes of large sections of the electorate", the report said.

Public Expenditure and the NHS: trends and prospects (King's Fund Institute, 136 Albert Street, London NW1; £3.95).

The day Big Ben moved

By A Staff Reporter

Big Ben began to lean over during the building of an underground car park for MPs, forcing emergency action to be taken, according to a government engineer involved in the project.

In the latest issue of the magazine, Science & Business Link-up, Mr David Day, of the Department of the Environment's Property Services Agency, says that both St Stephen's Tower (which holds Big Ben) and Westminster Hall started to move when work began on the car park in 1972, just 10 feet from the tower's foundations.

Excavating deep into the present courtyard outside the twelfth century Westminster Hall, engineers were alerted to the danger by laser and theodolite instruments.

The sequence of the excavations was then changed and the tower and hall went back into position.

Even before work started, MPs expressed concern that the tower might collapse.

Mr Day denied that either building had been put in danger by the work, and estimated that the tower moved by perhaps an eighth of an inch in total.

Man released over shooting

Police have released one of two men arrested in connection with the shooting of Mr Barry Crellin, aged 36, at his factory in Telford, Shropshire.

The man, from Warwickshire, had been arrested on Friday night. A Shropshire man, detained on Thursday, is still at Telford police station.

New evidence on disaster

Captains were worried over ferry doors before sinking

By Rodney Cowton
Transport Correspondent

Evidence has emerged that some masters of Townsend Thoresen cross channel ferries recognized the need for positive reporting that bow and stern doors were closed long before the Herald of Free Enterprise capsized at Zeebrugge with open bow doors.

One of the chief criticisms that has emerged at the disaster inquiry is of the system under which masters on the Herald assumed the doors had been closed unless told there was a problem.

It has been acknowledged on behalf of the company that the system was inadequate. Since the disaster a new procedure has been introduced under which the

Bridge had to be informed the doors were closed and secured

closing of the doors must be reported to the bridge before the mooring ropes are cast off.

Although the impression has emerged in the inquiry that before the disaster it had not occurred to anyone that positive reporting was desirable, some masters have been operating such a system since the Spirit class ships came into service in 1980.

Captain Oliver Elsom was senior master of the Spirit of Free Enterprise, the first of the three ships in that class, which included the Herald. He said that from the outset, and until he retired last year, he required a positive report that bow and stern doors were closed before leaving harbour.

The requirement was not written into the senior master's standing orders, "but most certainly it was fully understood by all concerned that the bridge had to be informed that the doors were closed and secured".

The report could come from the leading hand, or by telephone from the control position at the doors.

The doors could also be sighted from the bridge wing. It was not possible to tell if they were fully closed, but it could be seen they were not fully open.

The inquiry has been told of five incidents before the capsizing in which ferries sailed with open doors, but none involved the Spirit of Free Enterprise.

Captain Elsom said that on half a dozen occasions in six years, when he was in command, the Spirit had to delay in harbour until he was told the doors were shut.

It is believed it is recognized

within the company that masters apart from Captain Elsom had operated positive reporting systems.

When the inquiry reconvenes tomorrow it is due to hear from Mr Anthony Clarke QC, representing Townsend Thoresen, his justification for the

It will express our gratitude to the Belgian workers who risked their lives

tification for contending that the inquiry had been at times unfair to witnesses.

The help and heroism shown by the people of Belgium in the wake of the Zeebrugge disaster may be rewarded by the return of priceless religious artefacts.

The Government has been asked to sanction the return of a magnificent set of fifteenth century stained glass windows removed from the country almost 200 years ago as a mark of the nation's gratitude.

The glass, taken from the Chapel of the Holy Blood at Bruges, is in the Victoria & Albert Museum in London.

Mr Ray Hollingsworth, a psychiatric nurse, of Antwerp Drive, York, has suggested to the Prime Minister that their return could serve as a memorial to the ferry dead and a

fitting tribute to the Belgian people who rallied to the victims' aid.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher has promised to look into the idea and the scheme has the full backing of the outgoing York MP, Mr Conal Gregory, and Belgian church and state authorities.

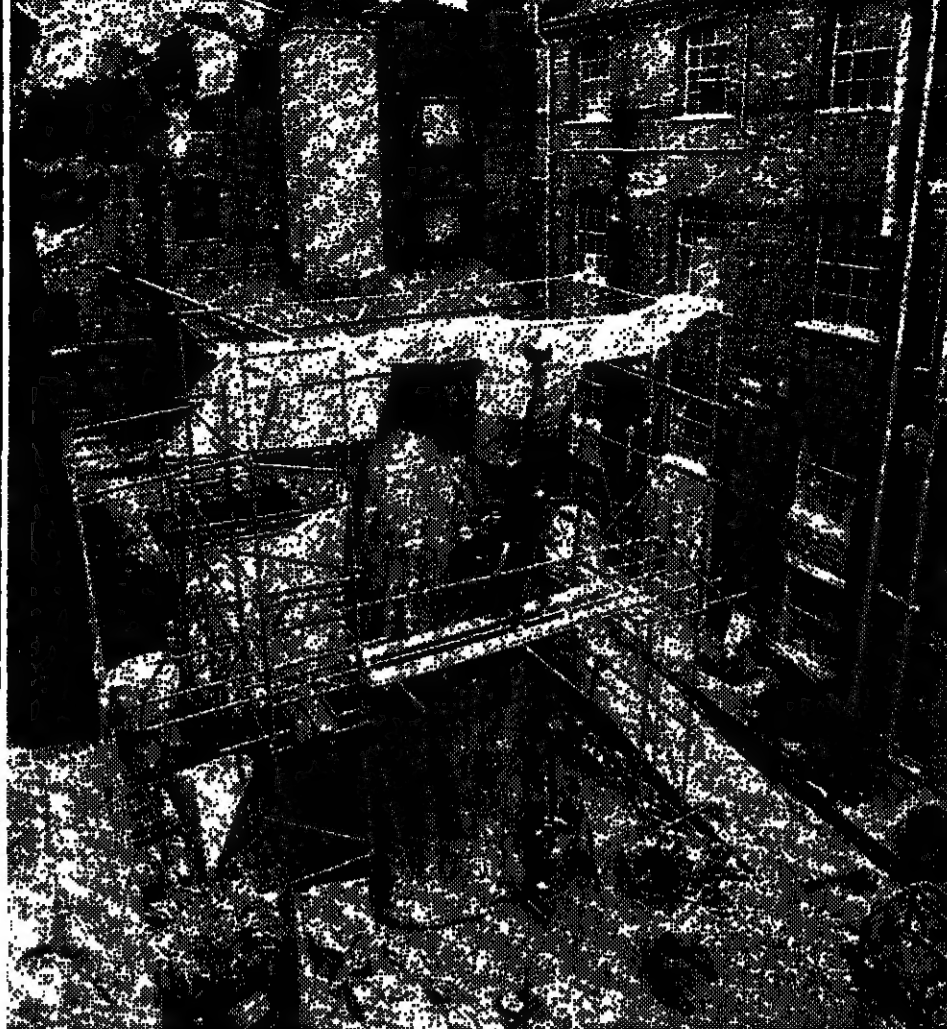
The four windows depicting sovereigns of Flanders were sold for a paltry sum by the clergy. Their loss is felt keenly by the staunchly Roman Catholic Belgians.

Yesterday Mr Hollingsworth said he first heard of the stained glass while visiting the Chapel of the Holy Blood, 20 miles from Zeebrugge during a family holiday in 1986.

On his return, he made inquiries about the windows but then forgot them until the ferry disaster last March.

Yesterday he said: "If there is to be a memorial to the victims I cannot think of a more fitting one than restoring the stained glass to the Basilica of the Holy Blood."

"It will also express our debt of gratitude to the Belgian rescue workers who risked their lives, the doctors and medical staff who fought to save the injured and the people of Flanders generally who opened up their hearts to our tragedy."



A 30ft casting of Archbishop Makarios, the former President of Cyprus (above), being completed this week in the east end of London.

The statue, which weighs 11 tons, was commissioned for the tenth anniversary of the Archbishop's death, and is the work of Nikos Kotziaras, the sculptor, with a team of 25. A & A Sculpture Castings, based in Poplar, were brought in to turn the plaster models into the final bronze figure, but the company had to combine techniques normally used only in industry with fine-art processes because of the scale.

A 50-ton capacity crane had to be used by the artists at one point, to position the vast head and shoulder section on the bronze rings forming the robe.

Mr Andy Elton, a partner in A & A, said yesterday that until the Makarios contract the company had previously had to cope with sculptures no more than a few tons in weight. The figure is due to be shipped to Cyprus this week, to stand before the Archbishop's Palace in Nicosia.

(Photograph: John Rogers)

Cash pays for 'round world' trip

Two winners share the £2,000 prize in the weekly Portfolio Gold competition.

Mr Chandrabhat Shah, a British Telecom executive aged 57, is delighted with his win which will go towards a world trip with his wife, Sarej.

Mr Shah, of Sarsfield Road, Balham, south-west London, has read *The Times* for eight years and has played Portfolio since it started. "It will be a great help towards our holiday when we want to go everywhere from America to Australia," he said.

Joint winner was Mr Allen Ferris, retired warden of the Royal School of Church Music, Croydon. Mr Ferris, aged 65, of St Aidan Road, Bridlington, north Humberside, is a regular Portfolio player.

He said: "I am not going to make any plans too quickly—I am going to enjoy thinking about it."

There were no winners of Saturday's daily dividend of £4,000 so there is £28,000 to be won today.

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Hunt ban a threat to jobs

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

A ban on hunting, as proposed in the Labour Party manifesto, could cause the loss of more than 18,000 jobs, according to a survey published today.

The survey, based on a sample of 460 businesses, was carried out by the British Equestrian Trade Association in conjunction with the British Equine Veterinary Association and the National Master Farriers and Blacksmiths Association.

Some 32,000 people are employed full time in the equestrian trade, farriery and veterinary practices, Beta said. It estimates that at least 5,500 full-time and 4,700 part-time jobs would disappear if Labour's plan to ban organized hunting became law. There would be a loss of £47 million in turnover and more than 340 small businesses would go bankrupt.

The survey did not consider the direct loss of jobs among hunt and stable staff. A survey carried out last year by the Master of Foxhounds Association, said nearly 12,000 people are employed as grooms in private, livery and yard, all of whose jobs would be at risk.

Sixty gamekeepers and landowners in mid Sussex have formed a countryside watch scheme to combat a growing number of gun-carrying gangs of professional poachers.

The area covered by the scheme, similar to the residential neighbourhood watch, stretches between Handcross, Crawley and Ditchling, near Brighton.

Police say an increasing number of the gangs who are thought to come from south London, Crawley and Brighton, have been stealing pheasants and deer to order for hotels and butchers.

They fire shotguns from cars and use lurcher dogs which chase the deer, again fetching high prices in London meat markets.

Supt John Albon, of Haywards Heath police, says the old-fashioned poacher who took a pheasant home for his supper has been replaced by gangs who take 20 to 30 birds at a time.

Situations arose where gamekeepers with shotguns were facing poachers similarly armed. "We advise the gamekeepers not to use their guns, to enforce the law, but to call the police," he said.

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Hepatitis tests for immigrants urged

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Immigrants from African and Asian countries arriving in Britain should be screened for hepatitis B to help control the spread of the disease, medical experts have said.

A voluntary screening system should be introduced for the benefit of those infected, their families and the population at large. Dr Roger Williams, director of the liver unit at King's College Hospital, London, said.

About 285 million people world wide are chronic carriers of hepatitis B and about 40 per cent of those will die. Experts estimate that there are about 220 million carriers in Asia and almost 30 million in Africa.

In Britain up to 3,000 cases a year are imported, but there is evidence that the infection, which causes liver disease and liver cancer, is spreading beyond recognized high risk

groups such as homosexuals and drug addicts.

"It would be very reasonable for people coming to Britain from Africa, Asia and the Far East to be tested", Dr Williams said. "Those who are infected can be treated and their children vaccinated against the disease. There are a lot of advantages and there should be no stigma attached to the process."

He said the Department of Health was hesitant to act because screening programmes were a sensitive issue with racial overtones. "In some less privileged areas of this country, such as Brixton, immigrants come in with hepatitis B from their country of birth, there is not detected because there is no routine screening and they are passing it on to their children. We have to act to reduce the total pool of infection."

Aids epidemic is 'out of control'

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The world's largest gathering of Aids experts will be warned today that the global epidemic of the disease is out of control.

As 6,000 international specialists begin a five day conference in Washington, demonstrators will gather outside the White House to demand more action from President Reagan on fighting the disease in the United States. More than 1.5 million Americans are estimated to be carrying the Aids virus and more than 36,000 have developed the disease. About half of those have died.

The conference will open with a speech from Mr Robert Windom, Assistant Secretary for Health at the US Department of Health and Human Services.

Although much of the meeting will be devoted to research into vaccines against Aids and drug developments, the

basic message will be that millions of people world wide are probably already doomed.

Aids is seen as the most serious crisis facing the African continent in particular. The World Health Organization estimates that at least two million Africans are infected, but the true figures are believed to be much higher.

"In terms of death the epidemic in Africa will soon be as serious as the famines a few years ago", Mr Jon Tinker, director of the London based Panos Institute, an independent research group, said.

The conference assessment will focus the views of leaders of the seven-nation industrial summit meeting in Vienna next week, including Mrs Thatcher and President Reagan. According to reports in Washington, Aids will be high on the agenda.

Dispute looms on Sellafield

Sharp disagreements will surface in an important conference on sea pollution which opens today.

In particular, British representatives will resist an Irish demand that the Sellafield nuclear reprocessing plant should be shut down immediately.

Britain is also likely to question a call from the Nordic nations that all incineration of dangerous chemicals at sea should be halted by the end of 1991.

Ironically, Britain is likely to have Ireland as an ally in resisting this proposal.

For its part, Britain will ask for an international ban on tin-based anti-fouling paint, used to stop the build-up of barnacles on pleasure boats, because it harms shellfish.

The paints are already banned in Britain, but vessels from other countries using British marinas continue to do damage to marine life.

The recommendations will be put to 40 senior Civil Servants from the maritime countries of western Europe, all of which subscribe to the Paris and Oslo commissions, at their annual conference in Cardiff today.

The Paris commission deals with pollution from land based sources, and the Oslo commission with pollution from sea sources. They are financed by member nations.

Secretaries answer back

By David Young and John Spicer

Britain's secretaries have given a mixed reception to a survey which says they are under-used, undervalued and under-involved.

Mrs June Tatum, of the Executive Secretaries' Clubs, said that the survey, by the Industrial Society, was "uninformed rubbish". She said the survey failed on the most vital point and that was to be more precise about what was meant by "secretary".

Mrs Tatum said members of the club were high-level secretaries.

But Mrs Isabel Brown McPhail, chairwoman of the Association of Personal Assistants and Secretaries, agreed with many of the report's findings. She said the main

problem was that many employers did not know how to use their secretaries' skills properly.

Mrs Tatum said one of the problems that secretaries and employers found was that the level of education was so poor that girls who applied for the job of secretary found themselves opening the mail because that was what they were best at. She added: "The Industrial Society seem to be talking about clerk-typists, not a proper secretary, who is, very often, the most important person in the company."

The survey says that senior British businessmen are wasting six weeks a year at an average cost of £5,000 doing

work which could be carried out by their secretaries.

It also says that secretaries are not being trained. Traditional industries such as engineering have the worst record. Secretaries in more than 500 organizations took part.

Fewer than 35 per cent received training.

Mr William Simpson, divisional director of the Industrial Society responsible for leadership training, said that the efficient relationship between a manager and a secretary can make better use of expensive management time, improve liaison with other members of the company and improve the public image of a company.

Water, the magic ingredient

By Robert Matthews

British engineers have developed a revolutionary hydraulic pump powered by sea water instead of oil, and opened up a multimillion pound world wide market in the process.

The pump, the result of five years' collaboration between the Government's National Engineering Laboratory (NEL) at East Kilbride, near Glasgow, and Shell and Esso, the oil companies, could revolutionize industries as diverse as drug manufacture and nuclear engineering.

Oil has been used in pumps until now because it lubricates moving parts and protects against corrosion even under high pressure, but for many years engineers have wanted to return to water-based technology, which played a key role in the industrial revolution, as water is both cheap and pollution-free.

Scientists from the engineering laboratory have found a compound which can be applied to the components of a pump, obviating the need

for the lubricating action of oil. The result is a pump that is cheap to run.

Hydraulic tools powered by sea water have been developed by NEL under a £400,000 contract from Shell and Esso.

Although the oil industry looks likely to be the first to benefit from the breakthrough, Shell and Esso are to assign their rights to it to the Hull-based precision engineering firm, Fenner, to take the technology further.

There are half litre bottles of

Scots' new sang tae the Lord

By Philip Howard, Literary Editor

The Psalms of David are bred into the bones of the Scots (as well as Burns, bad language, John Knox, foul temper and Irn Bru).

But they were in English. Now the Scots can sing unto the Lord in their own language—sing ye till Himself a new sang in fact.

The Aberdeen University Press has reprinted for the first time for a century P Hately Waddell's translation *The Psalms: Frae Hebrew intil Scots*.

The best known lines in the English language appear in new clothes:

The Lord is my herd, nae want sal fa' me.

He lous me till among green haws; he airts me aowre by the town walls.

Peter Hately Waddell was born in 1817 in Stirlingshire and educated in Glasgow. He founded his own "Church of the Future" in Girvan, Ayrshire, and became an independent minister in Glasgow, where his gift of the gab won him a large congregation.

When Waddell tackled the psalms he said: "The bulk of the language is such as was in daily use by all well-educated peasants and country gentle-

men of the last generation."

Consequently the Scots of his psalms is a bit dated. Even in Girvan they might have difficulty with some of the words at morning service. But the reprinting of Waddell continues the renewed nostalgic interest in Scots in the academic world.

It follows on the heels of William Laughton Lorimer's delightful New Testament in Scots, in which the characters speak in a dozen distinct Scottish dialects—with only the devil speaking in Oxford English.

Wine cellars give up their mouldy old secrets

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Sotheby's is offering bottles of wine encrusted in mould for sale next Wednesday.

Mouldy bottles of wine are even grander than clean ones because it is a characteristic of age that great snowballs of mould grow around the corks of bottles left in a cellar for a half century or more. The rare bottles of ancient Tokay come from the Hungarian state cellars and have been packed in transparent crates to protect the mould.

There are half litre bottles of

the 1906 vintage estimated at £150-£200 each, the 1912 at £180-£240, the 1915 at £100-£150 and the 1937, a great vintage for sweet wines throughout Europe, at £60-£100.

Another curiosity is the wines found in a cellar in Belgium. It required some detective work to identify the unlabelled wines.

The 1918 Château La Louvière had its name written on the wall over the bin and a bottle was taken to the chateau and sampled for authenticity. A dozen bottles are estimated

at £300-£400. The other wines were 1918 Beycheville, 1923 Malartic Lagravère, and 1924 Giscours.

Sotheby's has 345 lots of marine paintings on Wednesday. There are 21 paintings by Montagu Dawson, the twentieth century British master beloved for his tall-masted sailing ships running before the wind in surf-flecked seas.

Americans love his work and are likely to be especially moved by the painting of "Young America", a sailing ship famed for covering 1,423 miles in only four days in

1876. Sotheby's have estimated it at £20,000-£30,000.

The vast painting (110 by 80in) depicting the action between the British and American frigates, Shannon and Chesapeake off Boston in 1813, is estimated at £25,000-£35,000. The scene was romantically reconstructed in 1895 by Thomas Marie Madawaska Henry.

Christie's is mounting the oddest sale of the week. The charity auction in aid of the British Field Sports Society takes place on Thursday evening in New York.

The Duke of Roxburghe has given six days fishing for two rods on the river Tweed (estimate \$6,400), the Duke of Marlborough and Sir Francis Dashwood offer two days pheasant and duck shooting for two guns at Blenheim Palace and West Wycombe Park (estimate \$2,600), and the Duke of Atholl offers three days deer stalking in the Highlands (estimate \$1,200).

Or you can bid to have your mare serviced by the Queen's stallion, Shirley Heights (estimate \$100,000-£120,000).

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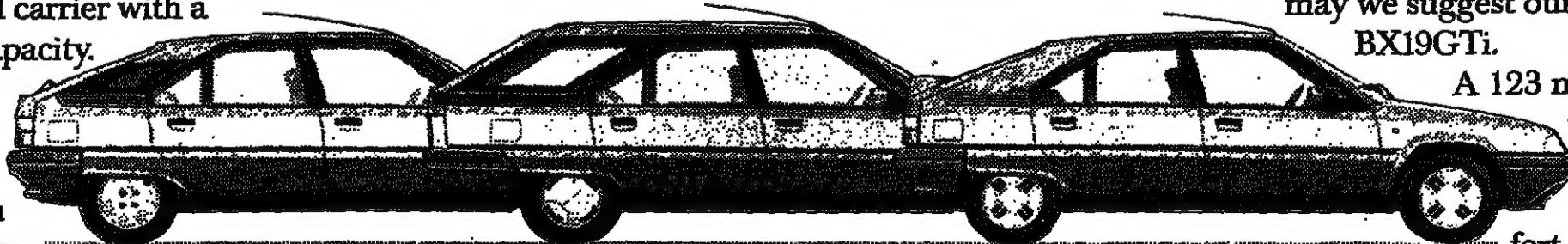
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WORLD SUMMARY

Pretoria quiet on Maputo attack

Johannesburg — South Africa continued at the weekend to refuse to deny or confirm allegations that it was responsible for Friday's attack by armed men on four houses in Maputo, the capital of Mozambique, in which three people were killed (Michael Hornsby writes).

Mr R.F. "Pik" Botha, the Foreign Minister, said he had nothing to add to an earlier statement by the South African Defence Force refusing comment on "unsubstantiated allegations of involvement in incidents in Mozambique". He added, however, that the Mozambican Government had been warned repeatedly "that they should act against ANC (African National Congress) terrorists who continue to murder South Africans".

None of those killed had anything to do with the ANC so far as it is known, though one house was used by the group.

India's 25th state

Goa (Reuters) — The former Portuguese enclave of Goa has become India's 25th state. Celebrations and a visit by Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, on Saturday were cancelled because of national mourning for the former Prime Minister Mr Charan Singh, who died on Thursday.

The Chief Minister, Mr Pratap Singh Rane, and a five-member Cabinet were sworn in at the Governor's residence. Goa had been administered directly by Delhi since 1961 when Indian troops moved into the west coast territory to end 451 years of Portuguese rule.

Waldheim Nigerian evidence mass trial

Oslo — Evidence concerning the wartime activities of President Waldheim of Austria, the former Secretary-General of the United Nations, was considered serious enough to warrant his trial as a war criminal as early as 1988, according to documents in the Norwegian national archive (Tony Samstag writes).

A senior archivist has confirmed that Herr Waldheim's name was on a list compiled by the United Nations War Crimes Commission and that he was suspected of murder and complicity in murder in connection with reprisal actions against partisans and civilians in Yugoslavia.

Vietnam accused

Bangkok — The hour-long Vietnamese bombardment of a refugee camp in Thailand last Friday night in which seven Cambodians were killed and more than 20 wounded was a deliberate attack on defenceless civilians, according to Thai Army officers (Neil Kelly writes).

The International Committee of the Red Cross described the incident as serious and reminded all parties involved of their obligation to protect the civilian population along the Thai-Cambodia border.

Fire flares in China Monks in protest

Peking (Reuters) — Fire-fighters are battling new flare-ups in the blaze which has consumed a large part of the forests in north-east China, the New China News Agency said yesterday.

New fires spotted in the Inner Mongolia region three days ago were "advancing fiercely southward" and had so far burnt 40 square miles of forest. The agency said a large forest fire which has raged in the Baikal area of Soviet Siberia for the past month was still threatening to leap the border river into Inner Mongolia, threatening vast tracts of virgin forests.

Licensed larceny

Houston (AP) — A man who admitted breaking into 12 automatic bank machines and stealing nearly \$340,000 (£213,000) has been ordered by a judge to commit one more break-in, to help banks tighten their security. Travis Looftbourrow will break into his 13th machine under the eyes of police and a video camera. "It seems as though you have confused the banking establishment," District Judge Ted Poe told him.

Gorbachov's defence purge

Soviet leader tightens grip on military

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, has used the country's acute embarrassment at the penetration of its air space by a teenage West German pilot who landed close to the Red Square here as an opportunity to strengthen his grip over the military establishment, one of the main bastions of resistance to his reform programme.

That was the analysis of Moscow-based security experts who studied the implications of the swingeing purge of the top military leadership, and the promotion of a little-known career soldier, General Dmitry Yazov, to succeed Marshal Sergei Sokolov as Defence Minister.

The general, aged 63, is known to have no political power base, having been only a non-voting member of the Communist Party's Central Committee since 1981 and a Supreme Soviet deputy since 1979. He first joined the Army in 1941 and later graduated from the famous Frunze Military Academy.

It had been an open secret for some time that Mr Gorbachov had been seeking a way of jettisoning Marshal Sokolov from the defence portfolio he had held since December, 1984, because of his age (he is 75), his indifferent health and his part in resisting the reform drive.

"There is little doubt that he has capitalized on the disarray inside the military machine by the case of the lone German flyer," one Western source said. "Like a good boxer, Gorbachov has moved in to



Promoted: General Dmitry Yazov, a career soldier.



Unceremoniously retired: Marshal Sergei Sokolov.



Purged: Marshal Aleksandr Koldumov, air defence chief.

take advantage of his opponent's weakness." Although there have been repeated suggestions that the Soviet leader was hoping to replace Marshal Sokolov by a civilian, it is regarded that by installing a relative unknown into the crucial post, he is likely to succeed in his determination to subject the

Hamburg — Mr Valentin Falin, head of Novosti, told the Hamburg *Morgenpost* that Herr Rast may be tried for violating Soviet air space but will probably be sent home with Moscow's thanks for pointing out the gaps in its air defences (Reuters reports).

huge defence establishment to tighter political control.

Until Saturday's dramatic emergency session of the Politburo, the First Deputy Defence Minister, General Pyotr Lushev, had been regarded as the most likely successor of Marshal Sokolov because he was chosen to give the address at last November's

Red Square military parade after Marshal Sokolov had been barred by his doctors from attending.

General Yazov was described by Western experts yesterday as a junior member of the military leadership who will be beholden to Mr Gorbachov for his promotion.

Immediately prior to his appointment, the general served for a few months in the relatively obscure position of Deputy Defence Minister for personnel, and before that had commanded the Soviet Far Eastern Military District from July 1984, taking over after the tragic incident in 1983, when a South Korean airliner was shot down, killing all 269 people on board.

Prior to that appointment, which is understood to have been the time he came to the personal notice of Mr Gorbachov — who is formally commander of the Soviet armed forces as chief of the Supreme Defence Council — General Yazov was for seven years commander of the sea-

There have been increasing indications recently of resistance inside the armed forces hierarchy both to the reforms and to elements of Mr Gorbachov's disarmament policy.

● BRUSSELS: As investigations begin in earnest in Moscow into the circumstances of the West German plane's intrusion, many more military heads are expected to roll, according to Nato experts (Frederick Bonhart writes). In view of the vast Soviet air defence effort, its failure is expected to have wide repercussions on the Soviet military hierarchy.

Battered British envoy relaxes with his family in Tehran

From Robert Fisk, Bahrain

Still bruised from his beating at the hands of Iranian Revolutionary Guards, Mr Edward Chaplin spent much of yesterday wandering through the idyllic grounds of the British Embassy residence in Tehran with his wife and children.

Under strict orders from the Foreign Office to talk to neither journalists nor fellow diplomats, the First Secretary at the British interests section at the Swedish Embassy could do little more than relax inside his new house at the Gohak compound amid packing cases and piles of books he transferred there from his old house in central Tehran a few days before his abduction.

"He is still pretty shaken by his experiences," Mr Martin Clements, one of his colleagues, said yesterday. "He is a pretty tough man but he was upset by what happened. He is bruised and still has some cuts from his beating. But he is with his family and they are now relaxing together."

The Gohak residence comprises several acres amid tall trees in the foothills of the Elburz Mountains, north of Tehran, in which it might be possible for Mr Chaplin to forget his 24 hours of

imprisonment, several of which he spent handcuffed to a chair in the Revolutionary Guards' headquarters.

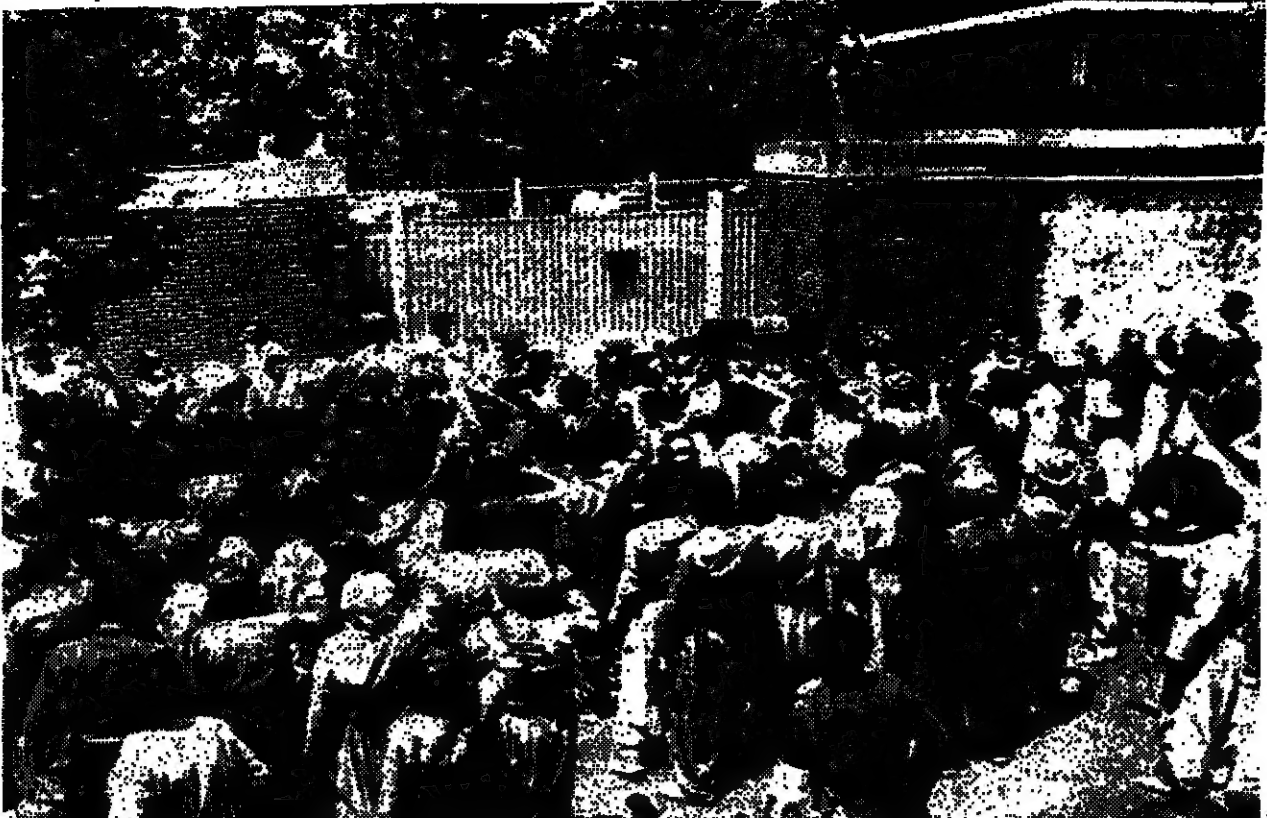
Colleagues found Mr Chaplin yesterday morning assuring his daughter Stephanie, aged 3, that he was now safe.

Stephanie witnessed the assault on her father when he was stopped by Revolutionary Guards on the north Tehran motorway on Thursday. Members of the 19-strong British diplomatic staff had difficulty in consoling her when she was brought back to the embassy grounds by her mother after the kidnapping.

"She kept shouting: 'Are they still hitting my daddy?'" one of Mr Chaplin's colleagues said later. "But she is fine now and walking with her father through the garden."

But Mr Chaplin appeared to have lost none of his sense of humour. Told that a British journalist was offering him a box of Havana cigars to celebrate his freedom, Britain's second most important diplomat in Tehran suspected at once that he might also be expected to give an interview.

"A very smooth operator," he commented — then refused to give an interview.



Iranian refugees protesting outside the British Embassy building in Tehran at the weekend over alleged British, French and Soviet support for Iraq which has been bombing Kurdish regions in the north of their country.

Pressure on Europe over Gulf tension

Congressmen urge Reagan to seek allied escort help

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

President Reagan is under increasing congressional pressure to enlist British, French and other allied support for his plan to escort Kuwaiti tankers through the Persian Gulf.

Administration officials appear unwilling to seek clear commitments from Britain until after the general election next week, although there are continual consultations about possible future British involvement. The escorts are not expected to begin for another two to four weeks.

The US receives only about 4 per cent of its oil through the Strait of Hormuz, leading many Republicans and Democrats to insist that Western Europe and Japan should contribute ships or funds to the security operation.

Only Britain has a perma-

nent naval presence in the Gulf. Japan's constitution forbids sending military forces outside its territorial waters.

Senator Richard Lugar, an influential Republican who formerly headed the Foreign Relations committee, said bluntly that the US should reconsider the refuelling of Kuwaiti tankers unless it received pledges of assistance from Britain and France, and negotiated with Saudi Arabia for landing rights for US planes.

Senator James Sasser, who gave the official Democratic response to a radio address by Mr Reagan on Saturday, said: "The choice that confronts us is this: do we rush into new commitments alone or do we carefully construct a policy that includes our European allies and Japan?"

There are growing complaints on Capitol Hill that Mr

Reagan's policy for keeping the Gulf sea lanes open appears ill-planned and muddled.

Military leaders and senior Administration officials have only just begun drawing up precise details of how the escort operation will work.

Assertions by White House officials that the plan was ready for almost immediate implementation have been quietly dropped, although they say it is still intended to begin refuelling 11 Kuwaiti tankers with the US flag this week.

But even that is not certain. Mr Richard Armitage, Assistant Secretary of Defence, said that although June 3 was the "planning date" for beginning the refuelling, "nothing moves" until Mr Reagan approved a protection plan and Congress had been consulted.

Admiral William Crowe,

chairman of the joint Chiefs of Staff, told the President personally that the escorts should not begin without a clear Administration commitment to retaliate if American ships were attacked. Mr Reagan is understood to have agreed with him.

He also agreed with the joint Chiefs' assertion that the US should plan for a long-term military presence in the Gulf. The President has authorized the deployment of three more vessels, taking the total to nine, to include a cruiser that will supply extra fire power if necessary, as well as increase the radar watch for hostile aircraft.

The joint Chiefs of Staff believe the escort of Kuwaiti tankers can be conducted safely without the need for additional protection from US fighter planes.

Iran holds Kuwaiti fishermen as spies

From Our Own Correspondent, Bahrain

As America's support for Kuwait increases, so does Iran's animosity towards the Arab Gulf state. Yesterday provided further proof of this when Iran announced that it had captured seven Kuwaiti motor boats in a narrow water course to the north of the Gulf and that the seamen on board had confessed to "spying".

The men, according to the Iranian "were gathering information for the Iraqi regime under the cover of fishing". But the nature of their supposed activities is less important than the accusation itself.

President Reagan intends to give US naval escorts to Kuwaiti tankers and the Iranians have for several days now been claiming that only Kuwait, of all the Arab states in the Gulf, still supports the regime of President Saddam Hussein in Baghdad.

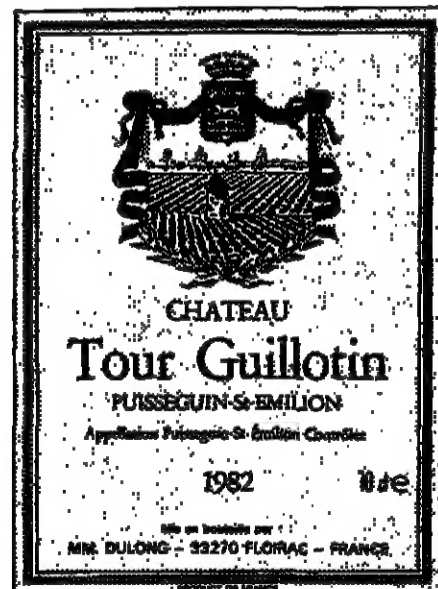
The seven Kuwaiti boats

were said by the Iranians to have been seized in the Khar Abdullah, a muddy inlet of water that lies between the Kuwaiti island of Bubiyan and the Iraqi Fao peninsula, which was captured by Iranian Revolutionary Guards in February of last year. The Islamic Republic News Agency in Tehran denounced the presence of the boats as "a new treachery by Kuwait and an open indication of its growing support for the Iraqi regime".

● ABU DHABI: Iran said yesterday it had the capability and the means to prevent the superpowers intervening in the Gulf region and was prepared to use it (Reuters reports).

"Iran, which is the most powerful (country) in the Gulf... will not allow the superpowers or any other foreign force to interfere in the region," the Iranian Foreign Minister, Dr Ali Akbar Velayati, told journalists.

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Sri Lanka's push on Tamil strongholds

Slow struggle on Jaffna peninsula

From Michael Hamlyn, Palaly Base, Jaffna

Thick oily black smoke a few miles from here marked the front line of the six-day-old Sri Lankan military offensive to take control of the north-eastern corner of the rebel-dominated Jaffna peninsula.

The front line moved slowly across the Vadamaratchchi area until the troops captured the town of Velvetturai at the weekend and moved on towards Point Pedro, at the eastern end of the 35 square mile land mass.

The black smoke, according to Brigadier G.H. de Silva, the Palaly Base commander, marked a rebel arms factory and fuel store set alight by the advancing troops at Thikkam. The front line runs from Polikandiy on the coast, through Thikkam to Nelaidy.

For nearly two years, Tamil separatist guerrillas have controlled this densely-populated but isolated district, while the armed forces have remained more or less confined to their camps.

On Tuesday last week, after several probing attacks, the Sri Lankan Army tackled the rebels head on. Most of the attacks were feints, but two brigades, each of two battalions which the generals call battle-groups, broke out of this important base through Thondamannaru. The first brigade, under Brigadier Denzil Kobbekaduwa, hugged the northern coast and saw most of the action. The second brigade, under Colonel Vijaya Wimalaratna, moved eastwards south of the centre line, the Thondamannaru-Puloli road. Colonel Wimalaratna frequently had to halt his advance to keep the front line reasonably straight.

The advance has been painfully slow, as a fight over Vadamaratchchi moved. Travelling fast and low in a Sri Lankan Air Force helicopter we covered in minutes the ground painfully won by the Army.

The area seemed small in proportion to the time taken to take and secure it, but General Cyril Ranatunga, the joint operations commander, explained that since many houses were booby-trapped and claymore mines littered the roads, the clearing of the villages taken was slow. "We are being very cautious and very, very slow," he said.

Most service casualties, around 90 per cent, have been caused by booby traps, though when the rebels made a stand,

as they did in a number of places, particularly Velvetturai, they fought with determination and bravery from well-prepared concrete bunkers. Eventually they melted away through a network of zig-zag trenches.

Velvetturai is the home town of the founder and leader of the principal guerrilla group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). Mr Velupillai Prabhakaran.

The commander of the rebels in the area is Mr P. Sivasanasan of Polikandiy, whose nom de guerre is "Soosai". Mr Prabhakaran was supposed to have been in the area when the offensive began, at the village of Nelaidy, which was taken this weekend, but he seems to have slipped away.

The capture of Mr Prabhakaran was one of the principal aims of the offensive and the Vadamaratchchi area has been a principal stronghold and training ground of the rebels. The operation, which was described as phase one of a plan to free the Jaffna peninsula from rebel control, will end with the capture of Point Pedro, the timing of which the General was unwilling to forecast, but when pressed thought would take another 48 hours.

The visit to the northern battle front was arranged by the Sri Lankan armed forces to demonstrate to a group of diplomats, foreign military attaches and journalists the falseness of the claim by the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, that thousands of innocent Tamil civilians had died as a result of "carpet-bombing" attacks by the Air Force. The Indian military attaché declined the invitation, being unwilling to be a party to a "propaganda operation".

The visitors were not shown Velvetturai, where the physical damage may be assumed to have been the worst. And when we flew over Jaffna town we were 4,000 feet up, which is too high to see damage to houses, though it was clear that the town had not been "carpet-bombed".

It is unlikely that the Sri Lankan Air Force is capable of such a thing. It possesses no bombers. The only attack planes it has are six Italian-made Sia Marchettis, which have been adapted to carry rockets, and 17 Bell helicopters (four 412s and 13 212s) plus two Dauphins. There are



A Sinhalese mother crying with grief after her baby was killed with seven other villagers in eastern Sri Lanka at the weekend. The Government blamed the deaths on Tamil guerrillas.

41 killed in attack on Bihar village

six Yak 12 Chinese-built passenger planes, three Avro transports, two elderly DC3s, five other small transport planes and around 12 Cessnas, used for pilot training.

The "bombs" that were dropped from helicopters recently proved to be hand grenades with the pins pulled out, stuffed into wine glasses to prevent the lever springing until the glass shattered on impact.

General Ranatunga said that in his offensive, "we have deliberately avoided Jaffna town, because we know it is thickly populated".

Nonetheless, one of the most striking sights in the course of my flights over the peninsula was the absence of any human being in the open outside their houses or on the roads. There was a curfew but no one was taking any chance with an armed military plane overhead.

Delhi (Reuters) — At least 41 people were killed on Saturday when left-wing militants attacked a village in eastern India in an apparent feud with high-caste landlords, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said.

The armed men killed 28 people in a pre-dawn assault in Bihar state, and another 13 were burned to death when their houses were set on fire, the news agency said.

It said slogans chanted by the militants indicated that the attack was in reprisal for the murder of seven militants in the same area last month. Those killings in turn were to avenge the death of a high-caste landlord.

Mr Bideswari Dubey, the Bihar Chief Minister, said 22 people had been arrested and police were searching the area.

Caste-killing and feuds between landlords and peasants are common in Bihar, reputedly one of India's poorest and most backward states.

Left-wing and communist groups that have tried to organize tenant farmers and share-croppers into unions since the early 1970s have frequently clashed with landowners and police.

One Maoist faction known as the Naxalites has fought a bloody guerrilla campaign against the authorities in Bihar and neighbouring West Bengal.

Indians bitter as shock persists after Fiji coup

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

They are playing rugby in Albert Park again. A dozen hefty Melanesian youngsters chased an oval ball down the field towards the ugly grey pile of masonry, streaked black by tropical rains, that is Fiji's Parliament.

It was a pleasant scene — the national sport being played exuberantly in the shadow of institutionalized democracy. Beyond the park, Government House, a grand

● Race relations are the most visible, and ugly, casualty ●

white-washed colonial mansion, stands on a hill overlooking the coral reef of Suva Bay.

Not for the first time in the past two weeks, it was hard to reconcile these images with others that recurred in the mind. In this same park, gangs of things bashed Indian men and women gathered for a prayer meeting. On the steps of this Parliament, soldiers, whose balaclava helmets gave them a sinister appearance, stood guard against the forces of democracy.

On the sliding scale of international horrors, these were perhaps relatively minor outrages. One correspondent described it in sardonic headline-speak: "Coup in Paradise — None Dead."

But for those who had come to believe that all their ethnic, as well as political, differences could be solved by Fiji-style negotiation, using endless bowls of the mild narcotic beverage kava — "The Pacific Way", as it was dubbed — these have been traumatic and

profoundly distressing times. A sense of shock persists.

Dr Timoci Bavadra, the deposed Prime Minister, says he still finds it hard to come to terms with the fact that on May 14 masked soldiers marched him and his Government from Parliament at gunpoint. "I kept telling myself: 'This is not happening. This just cannot be happening'."

One of his former ministers said: "It was a most terribly unsettling experience. We had never considered such a thing as political detention before. Now I wake up at night thinking: 'What is to stop it happening again?'"

Although the upheaval has set Fiji against Fiji, it is race relations that are the most visible, and ugly, casualty of Colonel Sitiveni Rabuka's rape of democracy.

Ethnic Indians are alarmed and bitter. The tone of their conversation brings to mind the acrimonious racism of whites in southern Africa and the Chinese in Malaysia.

The Indian owner of one beach-side resort points to an empty guest register. Two weeks ago the place was full of Australians and New Zealanders. "The Fijians have driven the tourists away, and want to drive us away also. Well, I tell you, if we go this place is finished. In 10 years it will be jungle."

His wife, a round-faced, solicitous woman, nods vehemently and mutters something about "black animals".

Some Melanesians are no more delicate. Mr Waisale Lakonivalu, the strong arm of

the nationalist Tankei movement who was involved in the Albert Park violence, said: "Every Fijian enjoys punching an Indian. We all support the coup and we will not be satisfied until Indians are beaten and are worth nothing in Fiji."

Given these dark currents and the fact that Fiji has been referred to before as "the powder keg of the Pacific", why did the coup come as such a bolt from the blue?

One Western diplomat shakes his head ruefully. "It gets to the stage when you have been predicting trouble and nothing happens that you lose credibility and you start to mistrust your own judgment. We were talking about trouble for 17 years in Fiji before anything happened."

The most pressing concern for most Fijians now is not a post-mortem, but the re-establishment of an environment normally so that something can be salvaged

● Every Fijian enjoys punching an Indian ●

this year from the twin economic pillars of tourism and sugar.

Hotels here, and in the resort region of the Coral Coast, are deserted. Hundreds of workers in the tourism industry, mainly Melanesians, have been laid off. The future of the sugar industry is equally uncertain as a result of the civil disobedience campaign by Dr Bavadra's supporters.

Ganilau turns down mediation offer

Suva (Reuters) — Fiji yesterday turned down a proposal by the South Pacific Forum to mediate in the country's political crisis.

At the same time the Governor-General, Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, travelled to the west of the main island of Viti Levu to meet the ousted Prime Minister, Dr Timoci Bavadra.

The forum, whose members are meeting in Apia, Western Samoa, had offered to send a three-man mission to Fiji, led by the Australian Prime Minister, Mr Bob Hawke, to talk to different racial groups.

But the Governor-General rejected this as impractical.

He said the best thing they could do would be to help lift the bans on trade, aid and tourism that followed on in the wake of the coup led by Colonel Sitiveni Rabuka.

The colonel had assumed power after elections had placed Dr Bavadra in office with a government that some Fijians said gave the Indian minority political control.

Australian and New Zealand trade unions have refused to handle any Fijian goods, and the governments of their countries as well as the United States, have advised their citizens not to visit Fiji. America and New Zealand have also suspended aid.

Ratu Ganilau and Dr Bavadra will meet today as business leaders convene in the capital, Suva, to assess the damage to Fiji's economy from trade embargoes.

Protests by sugar workers in support of Dr Bavadra have left the crucial sugar crop unharvested. Sugar and tourism are the country's two main foreign exchange earners. Many hotels are either dismissed staff or putting them on short-term.

The Governor-General has said that disruption of Fiji's trade could cause long-term destabilization in the South Pacific region. Fiji is a focus of trade routes in the region.

Italy's statesmen confront their political mortality

From Roger Boyes, Rome

It takes little boys to announce that emperors have no clothes and local constituents to bring electioneering politicians, puffed up by television and media attention, floating like dirigibles back to earth.

There is something sobering in seeing Signor Giulio Andreotti in his home constituency of Frosinone in the Castelromano. Five times Prime Minister a wily Foreign Minister, man of the world, recipient of phone calls from Mrs Nancy Reagan and other key American decision-makers, Signor Andreotti is one of the few Italian politicians who can really claim international stature. Summits come and summits go, but in Frosinone Signor Andreotti has to deliver the goods.

Flushed butchers, local doctors and teachers queue up after a rally and hand over brown envelopes. The evil journalistic worm suspects bribes, but nothing of the sort: these are petitions, letters calling for rapid personal intervention and, more often than not, making future support dependent on happy outcomes. Shopkeepers are the most active: they know their rights. A restaurateur wants cars banned from the piazza because it is spoiling his summer trade: diners do not want scooters skimming their cars.

In Sicily, of course, these petitions take on a rather



Signor Andreotti: Made to deliver the goods at home.

Mafia to fill public positions. In other cases the votes went to Christian Democrats because of their power and the guarantee that we would obtain certain advantages."

The local factor is crucial. Travelling outside Rome, one concludes that Italian elections are like the Chinese New Year — an almost frequent time for gathering in old debts. But apart from the piece-meal rallies, cars with megaphones and wireless poster wars, the election does not

really intrude nor is it a subject of great debate.

The villagers already know where everybody stands in Montevirginio, a village 60 miles north of Rome. The greengrocer, a powerful figure, supports the Communist Party and posters issued by the party daily. L'Unità, the local support. The bar, politically neutral, is nonetheless on the Communist side of the square. On the other side of the road is a church and the Christian Democrat headquarters. The priest reads out the Bishops' letter, recommending parishioners to vote for Christian values, that is the Christian Democrat Party; but everybody knows about it and voting patterns were set well in advance.

As an attempt to win hearts and minds, Italian election campaigns are doomed to failure. Changes in the political landscape are measured in small percentage points — the Christian Democrats may gain one point, the Communists may lose one; the Socialist Party may win two and the smaller parties, including the Radicals will stay irredeemably small.

The legendary instability of Italy is only visible in Rome. Parliament and the party leadership, in the provinces everything moves with the careful precision of the ploughing and sowing schedule.

Shin Bet faces fresh inquiry

From David Bernstein, Jerusalem

In an apparent bid to head off a police investigation into Shin Bet, the Israeli Government has ordered a judicial commission of inquiry into the operations of the controversial internal security service.

Shin Bet has been battered by two highly-damaging revelations over the last year and the Attorney-General, Mr Yosef Harish, on Friday ordered the police to investigate the false testimony given by Shin Bet agents that sentenced former lieutenant Izzat Nafsu to 18 years in jail.

The Government and Shin Bet have strongly opposed the police investigation ordered by Mr Harish, claiming that it would further erode the morale of the service and impair its effectiveness.

However, the police investigation could legally continue in tandem with the judicial inquiry.

But the Cabinet decision does automatically cancel the two-man internal investigation ordered by the Prime Minister, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, two weeks ago.

● Mortar attack: Six Israeli soldiers were injured in a mortar attack on the northern sector of the Israeli-controlled zone in southern Lebanon early yesterday morning.

Hollywood learns lesson of set tragedy Trial shakes film industry

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

As Hollywood film-makers breathed a collective sigh of relief over the acquittal on Friday of film director John Landis and four associates of manslaughter charges, the film community admitted at the weekend that the marathon trial had stunned the industry.

Mr Landis and his associates were found not guilty of involuntary manslaughter in connection with the death of the actor Vic Morrow and two children on the set of the film *The Twilight Zone* in 1982.

The effect of the helicopter crash that killed Morrow and the children, followed by the high-profile trial, stunned the industry. It was the first time in film history that a director had been charged with criminal responsibility for deaths that occurred while a film was being shot.

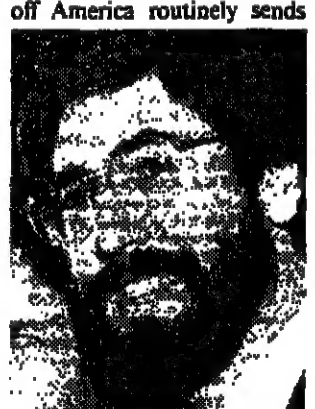
"The entire ordeal has shaken the industry from top to bottom, starting at the bottom with every actor concerned about their own safety to the top of studio management saying 'let's not take a risk'."

Mr Mark Locher, spokesman for the Screen Actors Guild, said, "Certainly, no one wants to go through another multi-million dollar trial."

The *Twilight Zone* tragedy made film studios and producers much more aware of the inherent dangers in their pursuit of providing bigger and bigger thrills to

satisfy audiences. In Hollywood, in the aftermath of the accident, studios have formed safety committees, and Mr Locher reports that accidents during filming have declined by 69.6 per cent since 1982 — from 214 that year to 65 in 1986.

Now the Directors' Guild off America routinely sends



Mr Landis: "The accident has changed my life."

detailed "safety" bulletins to members; it has also set up a telephone hotline to enable directors to get quick answers to safety questions.

The Guild has disciplined members for violating its safety rules on film sets, something it did not do prior to the 1982 helicopter crash. In the light of the jury ruling in the Landis case the Guild has not yet decided whether to discipline him.

Mr Landis, aged 36, who personally thanked the jury for acquitting him, said: "A truly terrible, tragic accident happened on the set that has changed my life. I'm very relieved but I feel very sorry for the families of the children."

The jury also acquitted the film's associate producer, George Folsey; the unit production manager, Dan Allingham; the special effects co-ordinator, Paul Stewart; and Dorcy Wingo, the pilot of the helicopter that fell on Vic Morrow, aged 53, and the child actors Renee Shim Chen, aged six, and Myca Dinh Le, aged seven.

The prosecutor, Mrs Lea Purwin d'Agostino, remarked: "What occurred on that set in those early morning hours is about as reckless as can be. If nothing else, hopefully this prosecution has made other directors more cautious, and if even one human life will be saved as a result of it, it was very well worth it."

Despite the jury verdict, the five defendants and Warner Brothers Film Studio still face claims of more than \$200 million in a civil lawsuit filed by the parents of the children killed in the accident. That suit is due to go to trial in January. Another lawsuit filed by Morrow's two daughters was settled out of court for a figure estimated to be \$800,000.

53 Malawi MPs lose their seats

Blantyre (AP) — Fifty three Malawi MPs lost their seats in last week's national elections. The new 112-member Parliament is to be sworn in today. The country has only one political party, the Malawi Congress Party, and 223 candidates fought for 107 seats.

The remaining seats are to be filled on nomination by President Banda.

Gurkha attack

Delhi (AFP) — Militant Gurkhas set fire to four government offices and tried to bomb a paramilitary camp in a weekend upsurge of violence in Darjeeling.

Prison home

San Francisco (Reuters) — Lawrence Singleton, aged 59, paroled after serving eight years of a 14-year sentence for raping a teenage girl and hacking her arms off, has been found a home in the grounds of San Quentin prison because outside communities did not want him living in their midst.

Tourists hurt

Belgrade (Reuters) — Twenty British tourists were injured, none seriously, when their coach was in collision with a local bus on the southern Yugoslav Adriatic coast.

Piano winner

Brussels (AP) — Andrei Nickolski, the Soviet-born stateless pianist, won the \$4,800 first prize in the month-long international Queen Elisabeth piano contest here.

Mother freed

Bassignana (AP) President Cossiga of Italy has pardoned Franca Corti, aged 61, convicted of killing her drug-addicted son three years ago.

Herd rampage

Dhaka — A herd of hungry elephants, laid off from their logging work when a company closed down, went on the rampage in Bangladesh's Chittagong province, smashing huts and trampling rice fields.

Holy tycoon

Peking (Reuters) — Qacha Qamba, a Living Buddha aged 48, one of Tibet's holiest lamas, has become the general manager of a timber and transport company run by his Lhunpo Lamazey near Shigatse in Tibet because he says he wants to keep up with the times.

Leak brings forward dingo death report

From Our Correspondent, Sydney

Final judgement in the Lindy Chamberlain saga, the long-running legal case involving the disappearance of a baby whose mother claims was taken by an Australian wild dog, or dingo, is to be announced tomorrow.

The result of a new inquiry will be tabled in the Northern Territory Parliament a week early, after an alleged leak of its report. A television network claimed that Justice Trevor Morling found there was enough evidence to quash Mrs Chamberlain's conviction for murder and that of her husband, Michael, as an accessory.

The network gave no details, but if the summary of the report is accurate the Chamberlains' supporters say a huge claim for compensation will be filed. Figures between \$A1 million

(£430,000) and \$A5 million are being mentioned.

An official of the Northern Territory Government was reported as saying that unless the Morling report makes a clear judgement that the Chamberlains were innocent, a claim for compensation would be disputed on the grounds that the investigation and prosecution were mounted in good faith.

Baby Azaria, aged nine weeks, disappeared while the Chamberlains were camping at Ayers Rock in August 1980. Her body has never been found.

The Chamberlains said she was snatched by a dingo. A first inquest found in their favour, but a second led to the trial at which Mrs Chamberlain was found guilty of slaying Azaria's throat.

Invoking the compassion of General Marshall

Forty years ago next week a modest war hero, finally accepting a long-proffered honorary degree, gave a short speech to the alumni of Harvard.

At the end of a review of the devastation, starvation and stagnation still gripping Europe 25 months after VE Day, he suggested what America could do to help.

And thus in a few brief sentences was born the greatest, most successful, most humanitarian aid programme the world has ever seen, one that has made the name of General George C. Marshall for ever synonymous with American munificence on a colossal scale.

Marshall aid saved Western Europe. It was the catalyst that spurred the recovery from physical and moral collapse, the bulwark that warded off communism and social collapse. In four years the United States spent \$13 billion, nearly all of it in free grants. As a result gross national product in Europe grew by 35 per cent in three years. Marshall aid gave West Germany strength to rise from its ashes to the economic miracle of the 1950s. Marshall aid provided the economic underpinnings for the Nato alliance. It fostered European co-

operation and was the prelude to the Common Market.

The radical plan for winning the peace was the brainchild of the man who, as US Chief of the Army Staff from 1939 to 1945, did more than almost any American to win the war. Subsequently, as President Truman's Secretary of State from 1947-49, General Marshall helped erect west-

ern defences in the Cold War. His enduring regret — and that of millions of East Europeans forcibly incorporated into the Soviet bloc — was that Stalin prevented Marshall aid reaching anyone beyond the Iron Curtain.

It nearly did not reach the West. Many Americans were worried that massive transfers of food and raw materials could injure the US economy, then converting to peacetime production. Several influential senators, especially Republicans unwilling to help Mr Truman in an election year, were also sceptical. And bureaucratic wrangling meant that the State Department

had to set the programme up as an independent agency. The first priority was to find a catchy name. Many wanted to call it the Truman plan. But Mr Truman allegedly replied: "I've already got a doctrine. Name it after Marshall — everybody likes him." The second priority was to get it through Congress. It was only after impassioned testimony from the Europeans and experts who had seen the devastation that the European Recovery Programme was enacted in March 1948.

A grateful Europe has not forgotten. Britain and West Germany in particular have set up scholarships and exchange programmes to repay later generations of Americans for their country's generosity. Every year since 1953 Britain has funded 30 Americans — men and women — to study for two years at a British university of their choice. Intensely competitive and drawing entrants from all regions of the US, the scholarships are of great academic prestige. Past holders include Mr Bruce Babbitt, one of the current contenders for the Democratic presidential nomination. Mr Ray Dolby of Dolby sound fame, the

current US ambassador to Kwai, the presidents of two of American seven oldest women's colleges.

The German Marshall Fund, though nine years younger, is a far bigger and more ambitious affair, sponsoring research, conferences, exchanges and academic studies in the fields of international relations, economics, the media, the environment, employment, immigration, the social sciences and history.

Here in the US, General Marshall, who died in 1959, is being quietly honoured with television programmes, editorials and a commemorative postmark available on June 5 at a special post office outside the State Department.

General Marshall won a Nobel Peace Prize for his plan. In recent years politicians, bankers and journalists here have called for another Marshall Plan for Latin America, as the only way of rescuing that floundering continent. But times have changed. America's purse is not so open now — indeed foreign aid is being cut back. And the problems of Latin America and other developing countries are more intractable.

June 1, 1987

Hurd plans to tighten immigration controls

By John Winder

The Government is planning to tighten immigration control by making it easier to remove those who have overstayed entry permits, no matter how long they have been here.

That was one of four proposed changes disclosed yesterday by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary. One was described as "small-minded by a solicitor with a wide immigration practice."

In a letter to Mr Piers Merchant, Conservative candidate for Newcastle Central, Mr Hurd said that a new immigration Bill would also seek to end the admission for settlement of more than one spouse. "Although it is a common problem, polygamy is not acceptable to the vast majority of people in this country," he wrote.

Mr Hurd's third proposed change is to abolish the right of appeal in Britain of those arriving here claiming an entitlement to citizenship but with no evidence of such an entitlement or entry clearance.

"There is evidence that the present right of appeal in Britain has been abused. It is sensible that people should establish their claims before coming here," Mr Hurd wrote.

The fourth proposed change is to take account of the European Court of Human Rights ruling that the effect of part of the Immigration Act of 1971 is sexually discriminatory. The provision concerned gives an absolute right to those settled in the United Kingdom before January 1 1973 to bring in wives and children.

"This provision very significantly complicates the operation of our immigration control and, in particular, means that many people can come into the country without having to meet the normal maintenance and accommodation requirements," the Home Secretary wrote.

Mr Hurd said that the change will mean that wives and children will be able to join men lawfully settled in the United Kingdom, but in all cases will have to show that proper maintenance and accommodation arrangements

have been made for them in this country.

The Home Secretary added that the changes should improve the working of the immigration controls and close loopholes.

Mr David Burgess, a solicitor with wide experience of immigrants, said the third proposed change, relating to the right of appeal, was the worst. "It is another example of the Government being unhappy about the courts taking a humanitarian line and changing the rules again."

Most people who sought the privilege afforded by the so-called 10-year concession had been in the United Kingdom legally throughout their stay and were academic high-flyers out of whom the United Kingdom did very well, he said. Mr Burgess had never had to deal with any person who had stayed illegally in Britain for as long as 10 years.

The solicitor said that to end admission of more than one spouse seemed to be elevating to the status of a problem something which involved very few people. He suspected that most people were not aware that it existed. "From that point of view, I would say that it was electioneering."

On the final change, Mr Burgess said that the action was typical of what one had come to expect from the Government, the attitude of "I am going to take my bat away because I have lost the game."

He said that it appeared the Government intended to get rid of the provision against which the European Court of Human Rights had ruled, and to say that one could bring in dependents only on the same basis as that on which anyone else could enter. That basis was for the intending immigrant to show that they would have adequate maintenance and accommodation on arrival.

The Government clearly intended, Mr Burgess said, to achieve an absence of discrimination by making it just as difficult for spouses of both sexes to join their partners.

same old way then be brought in question? Would there not be an irresistible demand for some form of constitutional change?

But now that I am in Scotland, the prospect looks much less dramatic. The political atmosphere cannot be compared with what it was during the devolution saga. There is no surge of feeling on the Scottish issue now, no sense of Scottish opinion seething with constitutional discontent.

The nationalists are hopeful of picking up a few seats in the north-east but even if they do, that will not mean that the spirit of the mid-70s has been revived.

The desire for an assembly has not been killed. I know thoughtful, earnest Scots who quietly regret the referendum result. But there is no sign that that is now high on the agenda of Scottish public opinion.

There would also be organizational obstacles to the Domesday scenario. Even if the election results are as the prophets of doom predict, what would then happen?

Mrs Thatcher would not suddenly agree that there should be a Scottish Assembly after all. There is talk of a constitutional convention.

That would no doubt suit the SNP well enough.

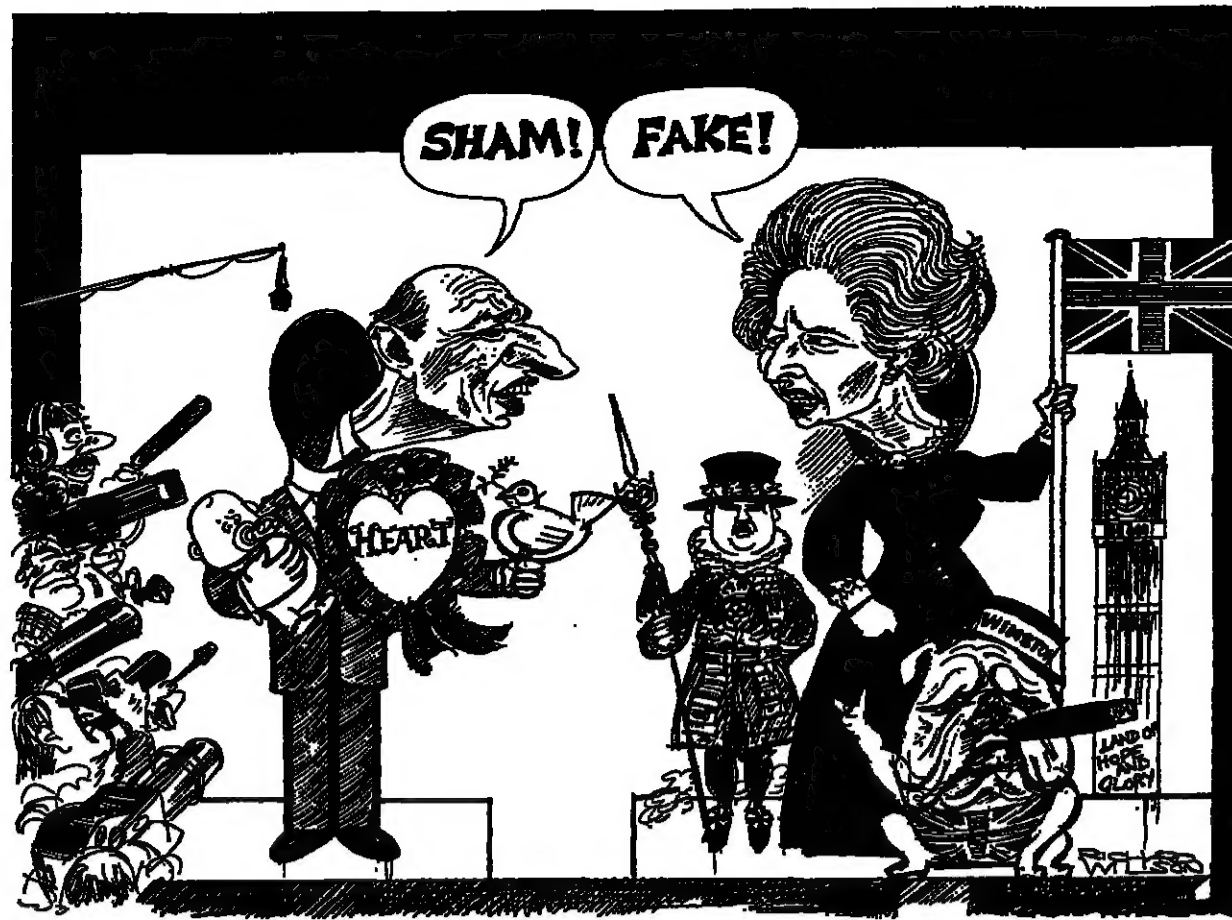
But the Alliance would be reluctant to become involved in an enterprise with no realistic objective. Labour would share that misgiving, and would certainly be wary of becoming too closely associated with a party with the nationalists, whatever a few Labour dissidents might say.

But there will be political consensus for Labour as well as for the Conservatives if the Conservatives retain their hold over United Kingdom politics while Labour strength increases in Scotland.

It would be said that there was not much point in sending more and more Labour MPs to Westminster from Scotland if Mrs Thatcher remained secure in Downing Street.

The natural response to such allegations would be for Labour to step up its demands for devolution. Others would say that it is possible that after "Domesday election" results there might be such protests as to revive Scottish political consciousness.

In that case, the Scottish issue might become a factor in the election of 1991. But I would not bank on it.



The twentieth century comes a little closer to Harwich

By Brian James

The maypole dancers mingled, the Morris dancers jangled, the Morris dancers jangled, the Morris dancers jangled. "Look here! Wouldn't this make one of those whatdoyoucallit...yes, a Picture Opportunity?" In that instant the spectre of twentieth-century electioneering crept a little closer to the parliamentary division of Harwich.

Sir Julian is defending the seat for the Conservatives, standing staunchly on the slogan: "Things are better under Thatcher - don't change". Which is not substantially different from the slogan he chose when first contesting the seat: "Things are better under Churchill - don't change."

Sir Julian has been Harwich's MP since 1954, one third of a century in which he has seen little need to alter his manifesto ("the pensioners are better off; they can afford to take up all their reasons; we need to be strong, never to fight again; better individual responsibility than State control") - and none whatever to change his electioneering methods in defending a majority doubled now to 12,500.

Coming from campaign scenes of organized political theatre with cavalcades of media haring from picture opportunity to chance encounters with pre-selected "ordinary voters", a visit to Harwich is to go back in time.

The election of the member in Sir Julian's constituency

Make a note of that... we'll have a word with matron

will be accomplished by an undefined but deeply-understood process involving conviction and habit, lace curtains and Knowing Your Place, leaders, the led and Getting Out the Best China, Armistice Day and Them As Know Best, and, especially, by a chemistry of relationships involving help needed, favours granted, obligation accepted, duty recognized and loyalty honoured.

This does not make for excitement in the streets. The Advance Party for a street gathering of the Labour candidate, Mr Ralph Knight, was a sweet old lady carrying a Co-op carrier and a hand-written banner two-foot square: you needed to stand within a yard to hear her gentle whisper: "Please vote Labour."

Sir Julian's own canvassing is done in a one-car cavalcade with no loudspeakers, microphones or street-corner speeches ("not Harwich style, old chap"). Driven by Lady Ridsdale (Paddy), they will cover a curious constituency.

At one end is Clacton with its abandoned holiday camp looking like a carelessly run POW cage from which the last prisoner has sneaked away. Along the coast, through the achingly-gentle Frinton and Walton lies Harwich, the distressed port which is the area's industrial base.

Canvassing with Sir Julian is a walk through a book by Arnold Bennett. In Harwich market, on village corners and in the pubs the encounters go: "How's his boy?...Um, better send him to see me." "Yes very sad, he wasn't that old... still very fine service, I thought." "Yes, came up on committee..." "I've told the council to fix her path." "Make a note of that, Paddy, dear... we'll have a quiet word with the Matron."

You hear about the man met along the way who couldn't find work. "I put him in the car. Took him to one of the local factories. Told them, 'Look here, this chap's an ex-RSM. Reliable. Damn fine sort'. They started him on a bench that day." Some may write at the paternalism of the approach: it seems to be what Harwich expects.

Of course there are local issues. Unemployment is undoubtedly the serious topic. But few take seriously the claim that Clacton is second only to Merseyside as a black-spot, with 20 per cent out of work.

The figure is inflated by men and women in their fifties who have in fact retired but purport to be seeking work. The core reason is the endemic poor pay of this remote zone, where employers brazenly offer low-wage work to men with children and advise them to "go collect the Fizz (Family Income Supplement) to make up the difference."

Meeting Mr Knight, the Labour candidate, re-awakens the mood of a Bennett book: "Oh I know Sir Julian, right enough. I went to him when he was first elected. Had a house on the docks and the steamer hooters kept the kids awake all night. I asked him if he could help. Next day I was called into the docks and told I had been reported for causing trouble - and any more and I would be out."

At this point Mr Knight ought to have added something like "bad luck on all the Ridsdales, sez oi." What he actually said was: "Hell, no, I don't hold a grudge. I just mentioned that to show how long we go back. I couldn't say

It is not his age... it is his inactivity

he was a hard man. He has worked hard for the people. But what he has not done is stop the decline in the area, not hounded the authorities to get all the help we need and could have had."

The Alliance candidate is another local: Elizabeth Lynn, an actress fighting an enthusiastic campaign and not above putting the knife gently to Sir Julian's throat. "He simply has not done enough. We are picking up lots of votes from those Tories who wish he had not stood again. I want to make it clear: it is not his age we are against. (A necessarily tactful remark this, in a constituency with 40 per cent pensioners.) "But it is his inactivity."

He had not spoken in the House for 18 months at one time, she said.



Sir Julian Ridsdale on the election trail.

This last remark provoked the nearest Harwich has seen to a personal confrontation. I was questioning Sir Julian on his speech-making record when Miss Lynn threaded her way through the Morris dancers. "Young lady," Sir Julian thundered with pointing finger, "you must learn to get your facts right. Not tell FIBS." "Not quite the time and place," muttered her agent, hustling her away.

"Nice enough young woman," Sir Julian said, "but she mustn't do this. Personal attacks. Very wounding. Fact is, as a senior MP I only get on my feet when I want to be heard, not just seen to be spouting."

It would be very wrong to give the impression that Sir Julian Ridsdale is some harmless old political shire horse. A fluent speaker of Japanese, he has some of the best political contacts in that country, and the Cabinet takes his advice. As a junior minister for foreign affairs and defence, holder of important posts in liaison with industry, he has long been an important voice at Westminster.

But it is how he has spoken for ordinary people of Harwich is the basis of his campaign. Sir Julian and Lady Ridsdale get between 40 and 50 letters a day, and it is their boast that no one has waited more than four days for an answer in 33 years.

The mores of the age are creeping closer. The Tory office in Clacton now has bullet-proof glass. Bricks have been thrown in the past. Sir Julian's election posters are all held 15 feet up tree trunks (Mrs Thatcher's nephew comes by to organize the ladders and the nailers) to "keep them out of reach of lads with red aerosols". This week, the word is, the Socialist Workers' Party are to come and make a noise at one of Sir Julian's meetings.

Ralph Knight would deplore that. "Troublemakers. I want to eject them from the Labour offices. They destroyed my unemployed workers' centre, with their drugs and their mischief. We'll go after Sir Julian in our own way."

Mr Knight last week took two hours off from campaigning to collect and install personally a hoist for a woman helpless to lift her 20-stone sick mother. Sir Julian would have approved.

ELECTION SUMMARY

Kaufman jeered by left-wingers at rally

Attacks on Mrs Thatcher by the shadow home secretary, Mr Gerald Kaufman, were almost silenced yesterday by left-wing extremists. Mr Kaufman was heckled by members of the Revolutionary Communist Party at London rally as he condemned the "grab it and get it" Thatcher mentality. Scuffles broke out as a dozen hecklers were finally ejected by Labour Party stewards from the meeting in a Marylebone School. Mr Kaufman said the interventions were an attempt by "hard-left extremists outside the Labour Party."

"The fact that they attacked a Labour Party meeting demonstrates that they have more to fear from a Labour government than from a Conservative government," he said later. "Their attacks demonstrate that hard-left extremism is implacably opposed to Labour Party policy, just as the Labour Party is implacably opposed to hard-left extremism."

Business No deal manifesto with Plaid

The Association of Independent Businesses, representing 1.6 million independent businessmen, has put forward a 17-point "manifesto" which, it claims, would help create 250,000 jobs a year for the next 10 years if implemented by the next government.

The plan calls for measures to promote urban regeneration, for reduced labour costs for businesses, improved access to public contracts, and tax reforms. Britain needed system which allows a business to save its profits and then use them to finance expansion.

Mr Dafydd Thomas, president of Plaid Cymru, confirmed yesterday that his party and the SNP would not do a deal with the Conservatives in a hung Parliament.

He also had reservations about any deal with the Labour Party.

If Mr Neil Kinnock wanted to be "part of the leadership of anti-Thatcher forces" and to replace Thatcherism he must be prepared to talk with the other opposition parties. Mr Thomas said in an interview on BBC's *This Week*, *New Week*.

Defector from SDP Tory lead 'may slip'

The SDP agent in the Conservative/Labour marginal of Nottingham North, Mr Eric Walker, has resigned from his party and will vote Labour at the election.

In a statement from the local Labour party, Mr Walker said: "I am completely disillusioned with the SDP. It's now no more than a junior Conservative Party... they now have no workers on the ground."

The Conservative lead in the opinion polls could be eroded to a position where they would no longer have an overall majority in the Commons. Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP, said yesterday in a television interview. He also claimed that neither the "full horror" of Labour's non-nuclear defence policy nor their other "skeletons in the cupboard" had yet emerged.

Walker heckled by Red Front members

Mr Peter Walker, the Secretary of State for Energy, was heckled by members of the Red Front at a meeting in Sheffield on Saturday night. Six protesters had to be manhandled out of the meeting, including the front's candidate for the Sheffield Central constituency, Miss Ceri Dingle.

The Red Front, an off-shoot of the Revolutionary Communist Party, is contesting 14 seats, including Birmingham Sparkbrook against Mr Roy Hattersley.

About 25 members started jeering when Mr Walker began to speak. They also used a megaphone outside the hall, shouting "Walker, you're wanted for murder." "Reinstate the sacked miners," and "Release the jailed miners." Miss Dingle, an unemployed nurse, claims to be the only lesbian candidate on her election literature.

Thatcher rules out VAT on gas price

By Philip Webster

The Prime Minister yesterday virtually ruled out the imposition of VAT on gas and electricity. She said in a BBC radio interview that the Government had no intention of putting VAT on such items.

For several weeks before the election and throughout the campaign, Opposition spokesmen have been alleging that there are secret plans to put VAT on food, power, children's clothing and books. This was because of discussions under way in the European Commission to harmonize VAT rates throughout the Community - a move that would end zero-rating.

While ruling put VAT on food, Mrs Thatcher and Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, have declined to commit the Government against putting VAT on other goods at a later date.

But on Friday she announced that she would veto any EEC proposals to take away from individual countries their right to decide

which products to exempt from VAT. And yesterday she said: "We have said we will continue to have zero-rating on food. That is quite crucial. We get that scare every single election. The question arises about electricity and gas. It is not our intention to put VAT on those things."

Mr Roy Hattersley, the shadow chancellor, had yesterday repeated the charge that the Conservatives would increase VAT. It would be levied on food, fuel, new buildings, children's clothing and books, he said in Birmingham.

The Government has been on the defensive over the issue since it emerged that Brussels officials were drawing up proposals to harmonize rates.

Mrs Thatcher said on Friday: "If the Community comes in with a Community law to change our capacity to zero-rate what we want to zero-rate, we should use our veto against that."

SAYINGS OF THE DAY

● There is still about one quarter of the electorate whose voting intention is not fixed. That is where our reservoir of support lies in the last 10 days of the campaign - Mr David Steel, Liberal leader, interviewed by David Frost on TV-AM.

● It is Mrs Thatcher who drives us down the road towards division and disunity. We cannot afford to travel many more miles in that direction. It is time to change course - and we can only do that by sacking the driver - Bryan Gould, Labour campaign co-ordinator.

● The red rose has become a symbol to distract attention from Labour's real objective which is red revolution - Mr Michael Heseltine, former Secretary of State for Defence.

● When talking about these (taxation) policies, Mr Thatcher looked like someone who had stepped on a piece of chewing gum and who, trying to get it off her shoes, found it sticking to her fingers instead - Mr Gerald Kaufman, Labour home affairs spokesman.

Guardians of law and order hoist neutral flag

By Stewart Tendler

Crime Reporter

Crime may be one of the major issues in the election but the police service has stayed on the sidelines, rather like the three wise monkeys seeing, hearing and speaking no evil. Unlike teachers, doctors and many other professions touched by the electoral debate, the police have no quotable response to the manifesto.

Despite rows in recent years with both the Government and Labour over law and order, the police have run up a neutral flag for the duration of political hostilities - or almost the duration.

At the start of the Police Federation's annual conference the week before last, Mr Leslie Curtis, the chairman of an organization representing 119,000 lower ranking officers, allowed himself a diatribe on political control by the left.

In his annual report to the conference later, Mr Curtis, having called for the police to

be kept out of politics, castigated both major parties and listed the issues which dominated private police discussion about the election result and its importance to the service.

Traditionally the police have been happiest with Conservative administrators - although one senior officer recently remarked privately that it was sometimes the supposedly antagonistic Labour authorities who would dig deepest for money - but the relationship has sometimes been strained.

Two years ago, Mr Leon Brittan, then Home Secretary, received a rough reception from the federation worried that attempts were to be made to encroach on police pay and conditions. There was anxiety that the service was being squeezed financially while fresh legislation placed greater demands upon it.

Last year Mr Gerald Kaufman, shadow home secretary, came to the conference and held a lively fringe meeting in a bid to mend fences. The NUM

dispute left some chief constables at odds with their police authorities. There were fears about the desires of the left to take over operational

ISSUES THE POLICE

control and at one stage, Mr Curtis had announced that police might find it difficult to work with a future Labour government.

Neither Mr Kaufman nor Mr Brittan's successor attended this year's conference but the issues have not radically changed. They revolved around the fact that law and order in Britain today costs approximately £3 billion per year yet crime has reached record proportions in terms of numbers, violence and the perceived threat to society's fabric.

The emergence of major drug trafficking and public disorder in the 1980s compound the police problems.

There are no magic short-term solutions. The police want more resources and more men.

Their common complaint is that although the Home Office has increased police strengths and acceded to requests for further manpower it has been a grudging response.

In London, police have talked about the need for a further 4,000 officers. The federation estimates that over all England and Wales may be 10,000 short.

All three manifestos promise more men but only the Alliance puts a figure on its commitment, promising 4,000 officers and 1,000 civilians. All three talk about placing more officers on the streets. There is a feeling among policemen that the patrolling policeman can be a cosmetic exercise aimed at placating fear rather than achieving results. Yet links have to be made with the community. Fear of crime is a serious problem in its own right.

Labour and the Alliance dwell in detail on specific crime prevention measures, including projects for safer streets and housing estates. Few policemen would disagree with better crime prevention. But they might well side with the Conservative manifesto on the question of accountability and preserving the status quo. Last week Mr Douglas Hurd seized on the dangers he believed Labour represented for political control of the police.

Labour dismisses any question of taking over the operational control of the police but earlier this year, according to the Conservatives, Mr Kaufman spoke of giving police authorities power to determine "policing policies, priorities and methods of their forces". The manifesto says "locally elected police authorities will be given clear statutory responsibility with the police to enforce the law and uphold the Queen's peace". The police might question what that meant in practice.

Captive queen of the campaign

For the Prime Minister, the election campaign is more than a frantic schedule of visits, speeches and 'photo opportunities' — added security brings its own stresses and its own constraints. Barbara Amiel joined Mrs Thatcher at the weekend

On Saturday Mrs Margaret Thatcher went to visit a greengrocer's in her Finchley constituency. About five minutes before her scheduled arrival I whipped out my notebook. "What street is this?" I asked one of the half-dozen policemen circling the boxes of mangoes and Jaffa oranges. His eye flickered over my two press identification badges. He hesitated.

"I don't know," he said. "Is it North London?"

"Do you know?" I asked his partner.

"Couldn't say," he replied, pleasantly enough. "I don't come from hereabouts."

The visit to the greengrocer's took precisely 13 minutes from the moment the Prime Minister's Daimler pulled up, followed by a car or two of Special Branch men in their identikit grey suits. SAS men are rumoured to be involved in campaign security as well. "Go on, tickle him," egged on one reporter as Mrs Thatcher's bodyguards jumped out on the run to surround her. "Let's see his gun then."

The Prime Minister wasted no time. The peaches, avocado and melons were purchased. The question of defence was summarised for the television crews against the novel background of fruit-n-veg while Mr Thatcher offered the assembled reporters a pile of strawberries that had been presented to his wife. Then it was over. The result: a success. That night the news featured 45-second clips of Mrs Thatcher talking about defence and economic policy against a background of peaches and apples.

This is her campaign style for 1987. The destinations are not released to accredited reporters until 3pm on the previous day. Details are at best sketchy and liable to change. Stop-offs are chosen for their ease of surveillance

and their novelty value for television. Crowds are small, since only loyal party members can be notified in advance.

Mrs Thatcher moves in a phalanx of security and the terrible crush of as many as 90 media people, including five television crews with assorted paraphernalia. Often she disappears from sight, like a female Sebastian about to be torn to pieces by hungry, angry, disappointed acolytes in the film *Suddenly Last Summer*. She is swallowed up by men in grey suits, boom mikes, lights, cameras and a sea of safari vests stuffed with extra roles of film, notebooks and batteries. It is a campaign style in which direct contact with any voters but the carefully pre-selected Conservative supporter is virtually impossible.

This style is surely not to Mrs Thatcher's liking, or to her advantage. She seems frustrated by the choreography of her days, irritated and tired by the constraints that make it virtually impossible for her to work a crowd or deviate from carefully planned routes. She breaks into an excited run when faced with any group of people who looks as if they may be "ordinary" voters.

Her supporters, who wait patiently in the security-cleared fields of Essex or the police-patrolled buildings of Ipswich, want little from her — perhaps a few soothing words to rally them, to be taken home and repeated over tea to a next door neighbour.

But the Prime Minister seems to feel the pressure of another agenda like a black wind at her back. She launches into a complex lecture on economics as if speaking her last few words before she is pulled away forever.

She is caught in a cruel paradox, and the success of her campaign may rest on how



A view from the bridge: Mrs Thatcher leaves her command seat on the campaign bus to meet people during a weekend which took her from the east coast to her Finchley heartland

she and her advisers circumvent it. The security risks to the Prime Minister are very great. The paradox is that the very forces which made it necessary for a Thatcher to arise are the same forces that are cramping her campaign style.

While the Labour Party is clearly on record against terrorism — and wants the repeal of anti-terrorism legislation on perfectly respectable civil libertarian grounds — Labour's hard left is less squeamish.

At worst, it openly embraces such allies of terrorism as Sinn Féin, while at best it can be argued that the hard left, and even the Labour Party itself, tolerates the ambiguity that allows the violence of bully-boy trade unions and the mob to exist.

One can feel the presence of the forces against which Margaret Thatcher is battling by the very conditions under which her campaign is being fought. With the ordinary strategies of campaigning closed to her, Thatcher is thrown more and more on a technological solution. The 1983 campaign acknowledged the importance of television, but this one has seen the absolute primacy of television.

"Could we have the camera crews and photographers in the other bus," commanded Tory organiser Sheila Howe at Central Office, "and the people who just write go in the other."

The people who "just write" soon discovered they were "just" observers as well.

Wherever possible, print journalists were ushered into large compounds that gave them a vantage point from which to watch the Prime Minister as she toured factories but denied them access to the conversations that make up the stuff of daily reporting.

Meanwhile, the video crews trailed behind Mrs Thatcher like stumbling moon creatures, the cameramen attached to their soundmen by short, black umbilical cords issuing from power packs and disappearing into felt-covered, long-eared microphones.

It was the 1983 campaign that saw the early charges of imperiousness directed against Thatcher; this time the accusers are a veritable Greek chorus. "It's like the progress of Queen Elizabeth," says a reporter from an American newspaper as Thatcher arrives at her morning press conference, the minister-of-the-day flanking her.

"A Queen Elizabeth from Harrow on the Hill," says the English news agency reporter.

The contradiction between the aristocratic attitudes and the middle-class values of the Prime Minister's campaign are a source of amusement to some of her critics, but neither the assessment of her manners nor of her values is incorrect.

The notion that the right to property is inextricably linked to liberty has most meaning to the working and middle-class supporters of Thatcher; their ability to own a house or some shares is the single thing that gives them independence from the state and the ability to arrange their own lives.

Every campaign stop is an opportunity to preach those middle class values, but the pressure of the campaign seems to be eating away at Mrs Thatcher's ability to judge her audiences. Many of her campaign stops now have muscle-bound young people in Thatcher T-shirts loudly choreographing applause and encouragement to the Prime Minister. Without the sound of applause, she seems to feel that her speeches are failures.

In fact, during her most effective moments, as she details very simply the problems of socialism and the fears her supporters may feel, the silence is one of rapt sympathy rather than apathy. Too often, however, Thatcher seems to misunderstand the silence and will hurriedly move to some more abstruse argument.

Perhaps it is the security pressures, perhaps it is a gruelling schedule, but the Prime Minister seems to need

a pause to recapture her ability to speak to the people.

Imperious though she may be, she can listen and she can talk, rather than lecture. Britain remains a ship in the storm, still in the process of attempting to make the very difficult transition from a world power to a free and prosperous middle power, and there is an argument to be made that no politician since the time of Churchill is better

suitable to steering that transition than Margaret Thatcher.

Those people who believe in Margaret Thatcher's destiny should, perhaps, remind her that eight hours sleep, a soupçon of warmth and a measure of compromise in her relentlessly intellectual approach to issues, may strengthen her position in winning all the hearts, minds and votes that she longs for.

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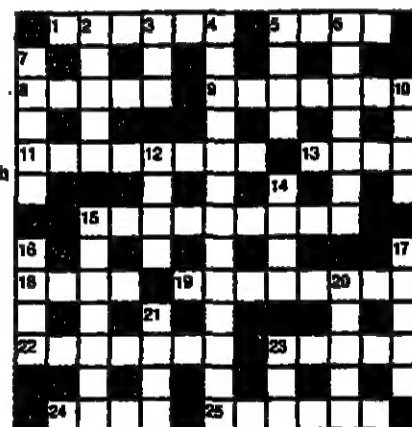
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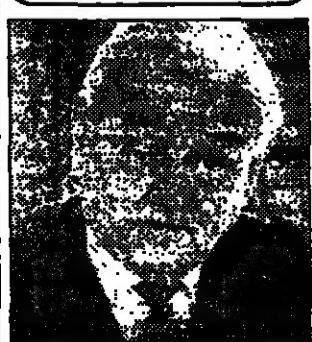
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A degree of imperiousness and impatience has always been part of her style and this time around it is heightened, perhaps by the difficulties of campaigning, more likely by having spent eight years in power.

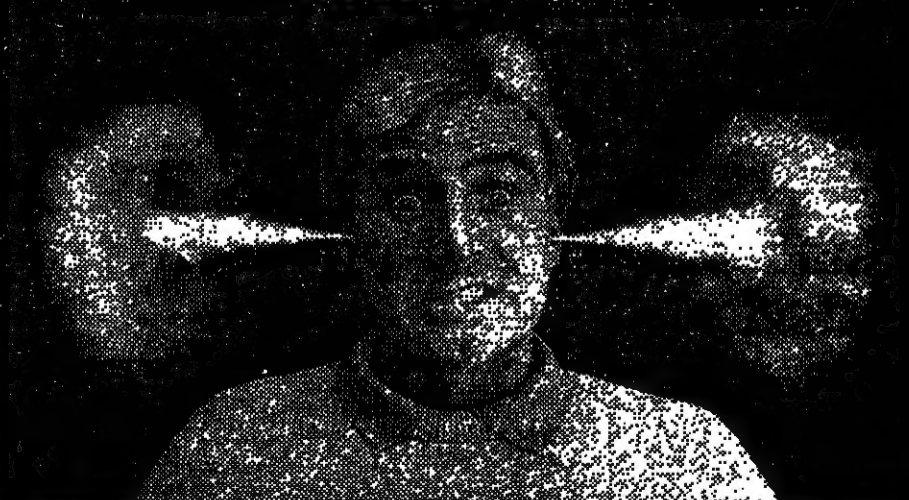
In those years she had astonishing success in fighting the "British disease" of strikes, bitterness and economic disarray, a success which must account for a heightening of Thatcher's impatience with those who oppose her policies. She is a leader and she displays all the good — and bad — habits of one who leads. It is an inherent contradiction of democratic politics that while people do want a strong leader, they tend to be irritated by the natural concomitants of leadership, which include a certain degree of imperiousness. Her campaign remains, however, resolutely middle class. The values she drums into her supporters of fighting socialism and expanding a "property owning democracy", are middle-class values.

TOMORROW



Lord Hailsham, the grand old man of politics, sums up the new Battle of Britain

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One man who could certainly have done with it was the 19th-century Scottish poet William McGonagall.

For reasons that will become obvious, he could not get anyone to publish his 'Poetic Gems' and so had to pay a local printer to do the job.

If he'd had a GQ-3500 on his desktop, however, he could have published them himself and made them look as impressive as this:



BEAUTIFUL THE TAY BRIDGE DISASTER

Alas! I am very sorry to say
That ninety lives have been taken away
On the last Sabbath day of 1879.
Which will be remembered for a very long time...

Y E S O N S OF GREAT BRITAIN, I THINK NO SHAME

To write in praise of brave General Graham!
Whose name will be handed down to posterity without any stigma,
Because, at the battle of El-Ibb, he defeated Osman Digna...

T H E M I R A C U L O U S E S C A P E O F R O B E R T A L L A N , T H E F I R E M A N

WAS in the year of 1888, and on October the fourteenth day,
That a fire broke out in a warehouse, and for hours blazed away;
And the warehouse, now destroyed, was occupied by the Messrs
R. Wylie, Hill & Co.,
Situated in Buchanan Street, in the City of Glasgow.

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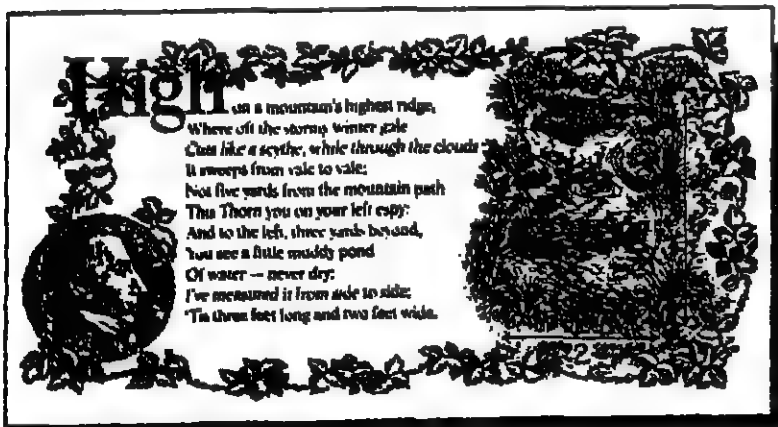
Concerning Jenny Carrister, a heroine bold,
Who lived in Australia, at a gold mine called Lucknow,
And Jenny was beloved by the the miners, somehow...

Since McGonagall was such a prolific poet, and because his compositions tended to be great in length (if not in quality), he would doubtless have appreciated the speed of the GQ-3500. (It prints six A4 pages per minute.)

And being a canny Scot, he would also have approved of its modest price — a mere £1,795 (RRP, excluding VAT but including a Hewlett Packard emulation card which would cost around £125 to buy separately).

Yet William McGonagall was not the only poet whose work would have benefited from laser printing.

In the following bathetic extract from 'The Thorn', William Wordsworth shows just why people left him to wander lonely as a cloud.



At least with the GQ-3500, Wordsworth could have illustrated his concern for the puddle's exact dimensions with an accurate diagram of it.

Several present-day novelists spring to mind whose work would be greatly improved by laser printing.

But rather than risk a heavy libel suit, we have again chosen a writer from the 19th century.

Here are the opening lines of two novels by Edward George Earle Bulwer-Lytton — and as you will see, they need far more than the usual printer graphics, such as bar graphs and pie charts, to make them look good:



"It was a dark and stormy night; the rain fell in torrents — except at occasional intervals, when it was checked by a violent gust of wind which swept up the streets (for it is in London that our scene lies), rattling along the housetops, and fiercely agitating the scanty flame of the lamps that struggled against the darkness."

From 'Paul Clifford' (1830).

"Ho, Diomed, well met! Do you sup with Glaucus tonight?" said a young man of small stature, who wore his tunic in those loose and effeminate folds which proved him to be a gentleman and a coxcomb."

From 'The Last Days of Pompeii' (1834).

Surprisingly, Bulwer-Lytton was second in popularity only to Charles Dickens in his day.

Today, he is chiefly remembered as the inspiration for the Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest, held every year in the United States.

The aim is to write the worst possible opening sentence for an imaginary novel — and the following entries were awfully successful:



The camel died quite suddenly on the second day, and Selena fretted suitably and, buffing her already impeccable nails — not for the first time since the journey began — pondered snidely if this would dissolve into a vignette of minor inconveniences like all the other holidays spent with Basil.

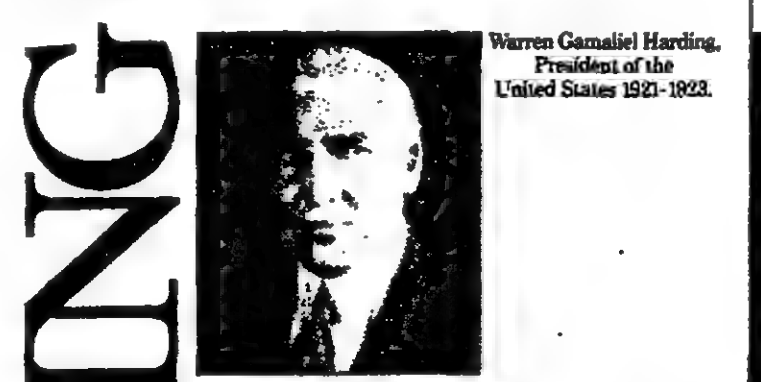
He was a Portuguese who had never fished and she was a Chinese who couldn't cook rice; he had enough hair on his chest to make a coat for a very small Hungarian and the way she kissed it made him wonder why.

Pignotti had hidden his notoriety in the mothbush, and now he had taken the beautiful and magical Melkith and her infant Trudy there, too, and they all trembled as they heard the fearful clatters of the invading Hmewes just above.

You will notice that each entry has been produced in a different typeface. Changing between the seven resident fonts on the GQ-3500 is even simpler than McGonagall, thanks to the LED 'Selectype' panel on the front — and other fonts can easily be engaged by inserting special 'credit cards' into slots on the side of the machine.

In a previous Epson advertisement, we suggested that the near-silent SQ-2500 ink-jet printer was the only machine that the near-silent President Calvin Coolidge would have allowed in his office. However, the GQ-3500 is so quiet, he would surely have approved of this as well.

For making bad writing look good, though, it would have been of more use to Coolidge's immediate predecessor in the White House:



Warren Gamaliel Harding,
President of the
United States 1921-1923.

HARDING

"I would like the government to do all it can to mitigate, then, in understanding, in mutuality of interest, in concern for the common good, our tasks will be solved."

"I have had the good intention to write you a letter ever since you left, but the pressure of things has prevented, speeches to prepare and deliver, and seeing people, make a very exacting penalty of trying to be in politics."

"I carry no bitterness in my heart which dates from 1912."

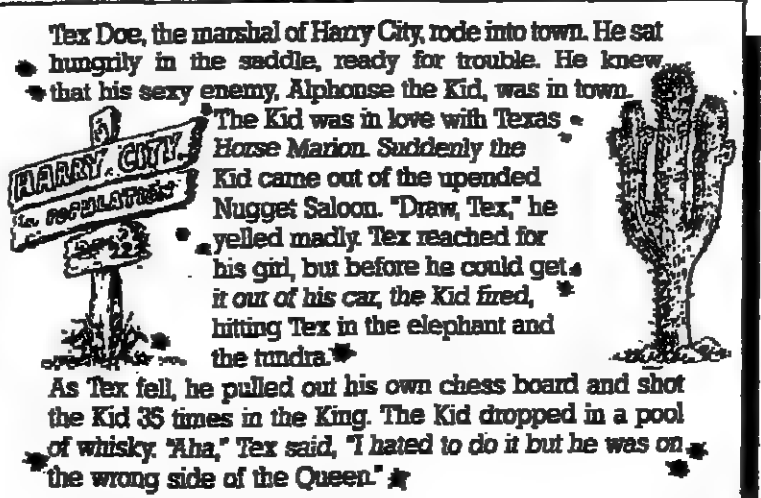
"America's present need is not heroics but healing; not nostrums but normalcy."

"Progress is not proclamation nor palaver. It is not pretence nor play on prejudice. It is not the perturbation of a people passion-wrought, nor a promise proposed."

The GQ-3500 is certainly very flexible. It has an IBM character set fitted as standard, and both parallel and serial interface options are available to allow it to work with virtually any computer.

Gilbert Bohuslav should have used one with his DEC PDP 11/70 in Houston, Texas.

He had managed to teach it how to play chess — but when he tried to get it to write a Western story, this was the result:

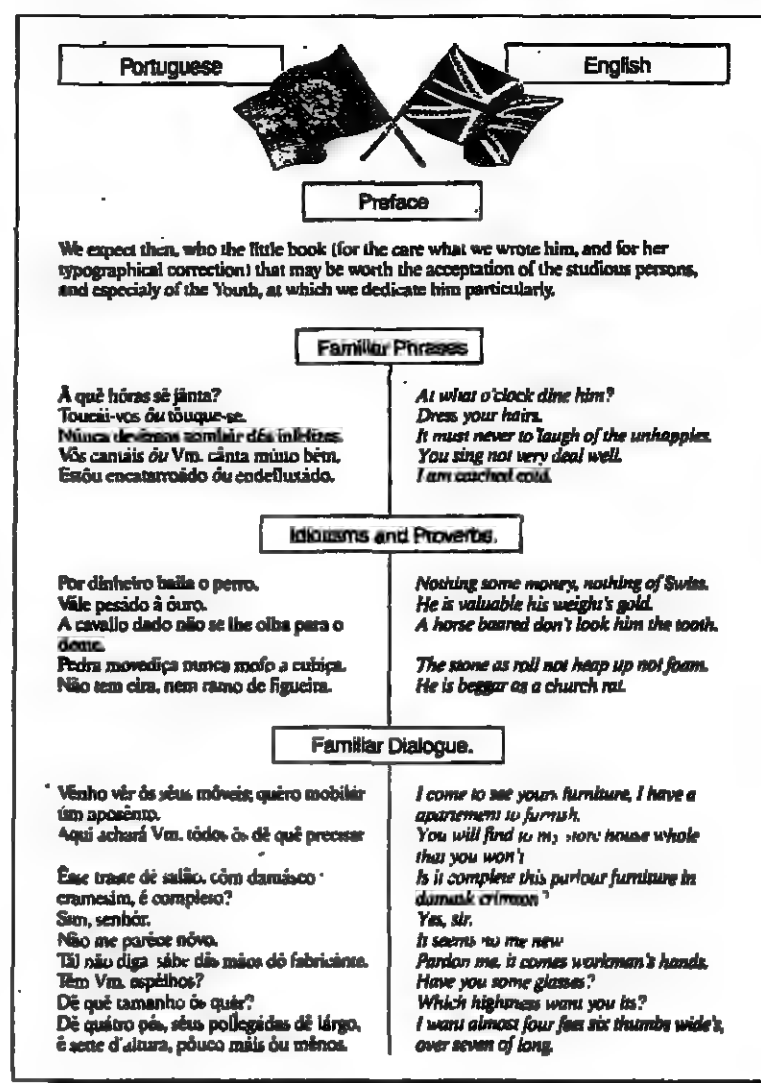


Tex Doe, the marshal of Harry City, rode into town. He sat hungrily in the saddle, ready for trouble. He knew that his sexy enemy, Alphonse the Kid, was in town. The Kid was in love with Texas Horse Marion. Suddenly the Kid came out of the upended Nugget Saloon. "Draw, Tex," he yelled madly. Tex reached for his gun, but before he could get it out of his car, the Kid fired, hitting Tex in the elephant and the tundra. As Tex fell, he pulled out his own chess board and shot the Kid 35 times in the King. The Kid dropped in a pool of whisky. "Aha," Tex said, "I hated to do it but he was on the wrong side of the Queen."

Hardly a memorable composition, you will agree — but with the help of all the graphics stored in its own powerful 640K memory (expandable to 1.5Mb), the GQ-3500 does make it appear accomplished.

Like all Epson printers, the GQ-3500 has a full international character set built in, which would have made it perfect for Pedro Carolino.

He was a Portuguese who spoke no English — but he did not allow this to stop him from writing a phrasebook with the help of his Portuguese-French and French-English dictionaries.



On the subject of size, the GQ-3500 has a hightness of only 3.46 thumbs, has one foot 3.9 thumbs wide's and one foot 4.4 of long. This makes it the most compact laser printer you can buy. The list of possible applications is virtually endless.

You can use the GQ-3500 to print anything from simple memos and letters to full-blown official documents. It can even make government regulations appear interesting:

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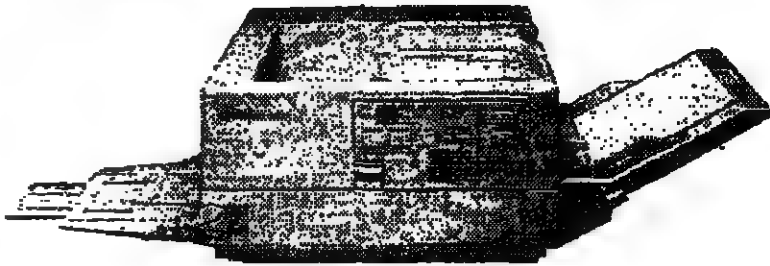
Unfortunately, it cannot save them from being as comprehensible as the average computer manual.

(The GQ-3500, on the other hand, is extremely easy to operate and maintain — though as you would expect of an Epson, it is exceptionally reliable.)

You have now seen the proof that laser printing can make even the worst writing appear polished — so just imagine what it could do for yours.

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THE TIMES DIARY

No laughing matter

The Book Marketing Council's choice of 20 titles for its humour push this month strikes me as more funny peculiar than funny ha ha. For the successor to promotions for young writers and war literature, the BMC has plumped for Sue Townsend's *The Secret Diaries of Adrian Mole* rather than anything by Evelyn Waugh and *Making Cocoa for Kingsley Amis*, Wendy Cope's verse collection, over Dylan Thomas's *Under Milk Wood*. Equally, in a promotion called *Brit Wit*, it is surprising to find something by Flann O'Brien, who hailed from Strabane. The BMC allowed publishers to submit 10 post-war titles by authors from the UK, the Commonwealth or Ireland before the list was whittled down by Beryl Bainbridge and our own Philip Howard. Though the rules explain O'Brien's inclusion they do not account for the non-appearance of Waugh's two great post-war novels, *Brideshead Revisited* and *The Loved One*. Waugh's son Auberon was the only book on the list I'd query is Douglas Adams' *Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, he told me.

Bugged

Neil Kinnock's "particularly virulent" cold has wreaked havoc over his campaign team. His press secretary, Patricia Hewitt, was forced to take a day off with it late last week and another press officer, Hilary Coffman, was also temporarily out of action. "There are a lot of people here with colds," a Kinnock office worker told me yesterday. "But no one is apportioning blame." This, you may remember, was not Kinnock's view; he even stopped the culprit's pocket money.

● A day after meeting Kinnock on the campaign trail, Lord Cledwyn, Labour's leader in the Lords and a lay preacher at his local chapel near Holyhead, yesterday chose for his text: "Labour not in vain for the harvest is great."

East-West gap

Labour's policy of having a press officer on hand to record every word of every interview given by the Kinnocks slipped at the weekend when Kinnock was posing for pictures in the garden of Glenys's brother, Colin Parry, candidate for Ynys Môn. Out at the corner of his eye, Charles Clarke, Kinnock's senior assistant, noticed Glenys blithely talking to a TV interviewer at the other end of the lawn. He rushed over with a tape recorder only to discover that she was in full flow in Welsh. He retreated, none the wiser.

Hard feelings

My admonition on the risks of drawing up lists of the so-called loony left (PHS May 29) has fallen on deaf ears at Conservative Central Office. Its national newspaper adverts yesterday pictured 24 "hard left" Labour members who it says "have been endorsed by Mr Kinnock to stand for Parliament". Among the 24 is Richard Stanton, chairman of Brighton council's finance committee. The Labour Party, however, is adamant that Stanton is neither a candidate nor endorsed by Kinnock as a potential candidate. A far from contrite Central Office spokeswoman told me: "We're quite happy with the advert." My theory is that they just wanted an excuse to use Stanton's quote that the Grand Hotel bombing was a "justified political act."

● America's Bulwer-Lytton Bad Writing Contest has awarded its worst pun award to Californian author Sally Sams for her sentence: "Dawn crept slowly over the sparkling emerald expanse of the country golf course, trying in vain to remember where she had dropped her car key."

Fair point

John Golding may not be looking forward to this week's National Communications Union Conference where he will face calls to resign as general secretary because of his handling of the dispute with British Telecom earlier this year. But the former MP, whose wife Lin succeeded him as member for Newcastle-under-Lyme, is not unhappy. For on Saturday he walked into his local branch of William Hills, put a £6 each-way bet on a seven-horse accumulator and won £3,440. Asked if any of his windfall would go to party funds, he replied: "No, the Labour Party doesn't bail me out when I lose."

Alfsh

Some excessively loyal students at St Edmund Hall, Oxford, have produced a pamphlet in tribute to a quartet of retiring dons. It is packed with anecdotes most of which, when not actually incomprehensible, are unlikely to split the sides of anyone who has not spent a lifetime passing port on high table. But there are exceptions: a tale is told of a college entrance exam. By lunchtime on the day of the exam, the dons had failed to agree on the subject of the general essay, and as lunch dragged on it became clear they were not going to find one. After the candidate had been waiting in the hall for a little time, a don finally entered and chalked on the blackboard: "General Essay: Write for two hours on: The horns of oilfield faintly blowing."

PHS

Wrong way to chase votes

by Michael Clayton



Behind the huntmen, a threatened rural economy

Bringing a haughty squirearchy down off their high horses has long been a dream of the left. Michael Foot promised to abolish hunting with hounds in 1983. Neil Kinnock has found room for the same pledge in his much leaner manifesto.

The socialist portrayal of red-coated autocrats with matching noses galloping roughshod over fields filled by an oppressed peasantry is, of course, an illusion. If Mr Kinnock were able to impose a ban he would do more than destroy a popular sport, virtually make extinct one of the finest types of riding horses in the world and render the marvellous hound breeds candidates for the zoo; he would also cause a significant loss of jobs and business in a rural economy already under increasing pressure.

The British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA) today publishes the result of a new survey on the effects on equestrian businesses of a ban on hunting; they would lose £47 million in turnover and more than 340 small firms would go bankrupt. The survey shows that at least 3,500 full-time jobs would disappear.

Those mainly affected would be manufacturers and retailers of saddlery and veterinary products, suppliers of forage, horse transporters, farriers and equine veterinary surgeons. The survey does not include the staff employed in hunt kennels and stables. Altogether, about 18,500 full-time and 4,700 part-time jobs would go.

Messrs Kinnock and Hattersley, with hand on heart and an eye on left-wing urban votes, may say that a ban is so vital for humanitarian reasons that so-called financial considerations and jobs deriving from hunting must be sacrificed on the altar of their new "caring society".

The sheer fatuousness of the wording of the manifesto gives the

game away. It promises "to end all forms of organised hunting with hounds. Special account will be taken of the conditions applying in national parks. These changes will not affect shooting and fishing."

The reference to national parks was revealed as evidence of a muddled and misinformed attitude to the countryside when a Labour environment spokesman, David Clark, explained that "if we were going to make exceptions it would be in national parks like the Lake District where the hunting is on foot". He said lamely that Labour realized there could be a problem "if you have a lot of people out shooting".

One of the main justifications for hunting the Exmoor red deer with hounds is the unsuitability of that holiday area for the use of high powered rifles, as used in stalking deer in the Highlands. At the end of a hound hunt on

Exmoor the red deer stag is destroyed from close quarters with a shotgun, yet stag-hunting on Exmoor is one of the sports Labour would abolish.

According to Labour, fell hunting by chaps on foot wearing cloth caps is all right; following hounds on horseback is taboo. It is by the perpetuation of such class myths that Labour loses its appeal to a society with increasing social mobility and increasing interest in country sports. Britain's 200 packs of foxhounds have never been more popular; some in the Midlands have waiting lists for subscribers.

The moral arguments about hunting are a matter for private consciences, not party politics. The practical effects on the quarry are unarguable. Britain has the largest and most thriving fox population in Europe; hares suffer only occasional local reductions,

mainly because of modern farming methods, and the red deer herds on Exmoor are abundant and well maintained.

Culling with hounds with officially registered packs observing a strict code of conduct and a close season is infinitely preferable to the "disorganised" hunting which would be unleashed by Labour's general election promise.

It would be impossible to police adequately the huge increase in hunting with snares, poisons and inefficient shooting which would result from this ideological ban. Sir Stephen Hastings, chairman of the British Field Sports Society, has condemned the prospect of "anarchy and violence" in the countryside and the random pursuit of quarry.

The future of fox-hunting is hardly likely to disturb Neil Kinnock's sleep right now. But his failure to abandon the left's killjoy, class-baited attitudes is well summed up by the manifesto promise to abolish a sport which allows access to huge tracts of privately-owned land for up to a million hunting folk who may be milkmen, marketing directors or working farmers. Point-to-point, hunter trials, a great slice of rural social life and non-thoroughbred horse breeding would all suffer serious blows.

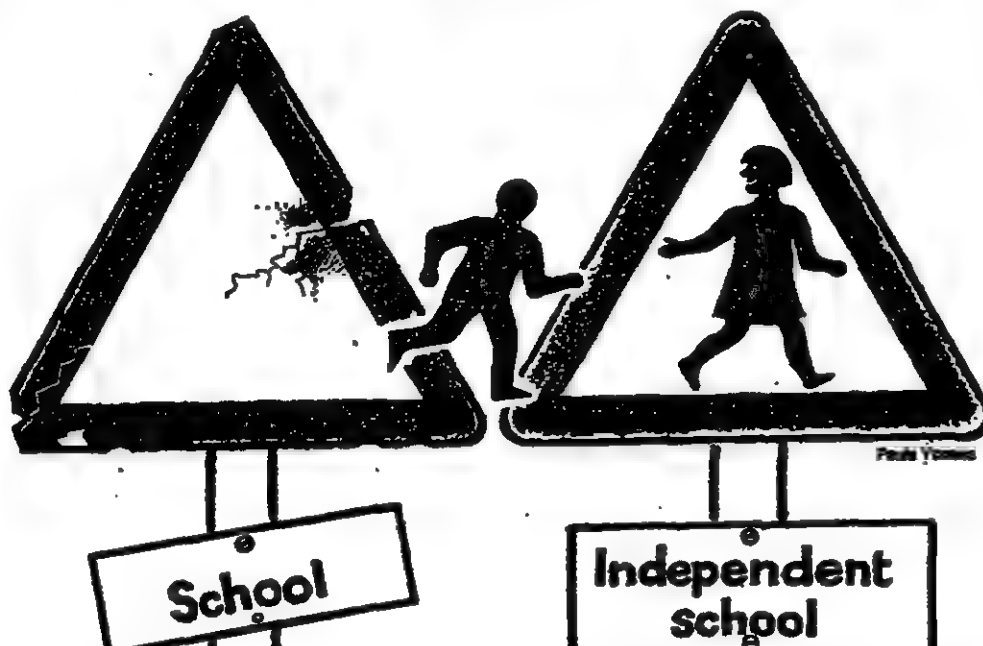
Labour has also failed to appreciate that its ludicrous inconsistency in "excusing" fishing and shooting in its proposed ban has not prevented all five million field sportsmen banding together in the Campaign for Country Sports.

Some three million people ride regularly in Britain, most aged between 16 and 24. Their hostility will be one more long-term handicap to Labour's hopes of winning hearts and minds in the future, whatever the result on June 11.

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Bernard Levin: the way we live now

Enemies of promise



This is the third instalment of an argument I have been developing here on successive Mondays (there is a fourth to come). Briefly, I believe, and have been maintaining, that the working classes of Britain (the very words "working classes" have an archaic ring, which is, indeed, a crucial part of my case) have put up too long with the limitations imposed upon them by those who proclaimed themselves the workers' friends, but were in truth successors to the workers' original enemies, who were the employers of labour in the days when labour was virtually helpless.

Last week, I wrote about the stultifying effect the unreformed trades union movement had had on its members; the week before, my subject was the way in which the working classes had been made to feel guilty about their desire for material self-betterment; I can symbolize both of those attitudes, at the point at which they meet, by reminding readers that it was only a very few years ago that men could be, and were, monetarily fined by their union bosses for working "too hard".

In these areas, I have claimed to discern a new revolt of the masses, a determination to take the opportunities that our society could offer them, and to reject the reproaches and the limitations alike, by, say, putting in for an allocation of shares in the sale of a nationalized industry, or, say, by agreeing enthusiastically to a no-strike contract which gives them great benefits in return.

Now I believe that a similar revolt has begun in education. I have always thought that the most astonishing sentence ever addressed to me was one that came from the mouth of a schoolfellow: "We had both won scholarships (to Christ's Hospital) from what was then the LCC; he was the first friend I made there, soon after our arrival as new boys at the beginning of the autumn term in 1939."

Our circumstances were, with one significant exception, very similar. We both came from very poor families; we both lived in very poor areas of London; the homes of both of us were lacking in many of the most basic facilities; we had both sat the same scholarship examination at our virtually identical elementary schools.

All this we discovered mutually in conversation; but I discovered one thing more, and the feeling of uncomprehending amazement that swept over me at the discovery has never entirely left me, and wells up in me now as I write, most of half a century later. He told me, quite casually, and as if there was nothing strange about it, that he had had a long and arduous battle with his father to be allowed to take up the scholarship at all. And what was the father's objection? My schoolmate quoted his exact words: "I'm not having my son better educated than me". I dare say those words are now as astonishing to most of my readers as they were, then, to me; but I speedily discovered, in the teeth of my own incredulity, that at that time it was a very widespread and long-standing attitude. The reason for my astonishment was provided by that one significant difference between our respective family circumstances; I was a Jew, and he was not. The Jewish tradition of admiration and respect for learning is a familiar cliché, none the less true for that. But within that tradition was a specific hunger, on the part of poor, uneducated parents, to see that their children knew more than they did themselves.

All this autobiography has a point. On the way to it, let us pause 27 years after that conversation between two schoolboys. The date is now 1966, and Mr Hunter Davies has just published his book *The Other Half*, a series of interviews with people doing a variety of jobs.

One was a barrow boy. He recounted to Mr Davies a hilarious tale of the steps on the way to his very considerable wealth. His partner, his rogueries, his confidence tricks, all are laid bare. So are his social attitudes.

I don't, you see, never have done... They're all the same... I don't take anything off the Government. I don't see why they should take any off me... why should I have to pay any taxes? What does the State do for me? OK, it protects the country from enemies. The tax I pay covers that. But it provides nothing that I don't provide myself. I pay for everything and take nothing off anybody. I don't use the National Health... I pay for the doctor... I won't take any old age pension, I don't want to. Everything I've got I've worked for myself, one way or another.

Now this sturdy, albeit somewhat bent, entrepreneur had had no education to speak of. "It's too late for me to learn anything... I can't be bothered". But he had two sons. Aha.

I won't let my boys go on the barrows. They're going to stay in and study or I'll murder them. They'll go to public schools and they'd better go to University. Education is the greatest thing in the world, I wish I had it. This country can only survive with people with knowledge. Learning is the mainstay of everything. Lawyers, doctors, the churches, they've all got learning. The boys are going to learn and learn, and that's that. I worked in the gutter. I still do. But I don't want them to do the same.

My school friend had been born a quarter of a century too soon. The tragic belief to which his father clung — that education was not for the likes of them — was struck a mortal blow during the war, and by now it is surely extinct. But if it is, then its extinction fits into the pattern of the argument I have been developing.

There is an important clue in the record of the independent schools, which are now flourishing as never before — literally, for they have the largest number of pupils in their modern history, and have just recorded their largest percentage increase in a year (despite sharply rising fees). The independent schools now account for the education of roughly half a million children; that represents 7 per cent of the total school population, but there is a very significant figure in the breakdown of that proportion. At the sixth form level, the independent schools have 17 per cent of all pupils.

The enemies of promise, who demand the destruction of the entire structure of independent schooling (frequently while making use of it for their own children), would argue that those figures prove their case; they declare that the whole half-million are the children of the Duke of Westminster, and if the truth were known it would show that he has managed to get all their fees paid from the Assisted Places Scheme.

The facts are otherwise, and one of them is sufficient to make clear why I consider the education revolt to be the most significant of all. Some two thirds of the pupils in the independent schools are the children of parents who themselves were educated within the state system. These people are voting with their children's feet; I shall turn soon to the question of what they are voting for, but first I must point out that fully a fifth of these children are receiving financial help with their fees. Half of those so helped get the help from the schools themselves; over a quarter get it from the national Assisted Places Scheme; around 10 per cent from local authorities. One of the greatest scandals in the whole education story lies in the fact that some local authorities, for ideological reasons alone, refuse to help gifted but poor children to the education they could have.

Now what does all this point to? Surely to the desire, on the part of parents, for choice in their children's education.

For my part, I would take the question of choice as fundamental, a concept that immedi-

ately separates the people's true friends from their false ones. There is a very powerful movement to abolish all choice in education; to ruin (by fiscal measures, if not by outright abolition) the independent schools, and force all parents through the narrow gate that leads to uniformity, and the narrower gate beyond it that leads to inadequate standards.

The only way real choice can be secured — and secured for all — is to free the schools from their present control, and allow them to choose independence. That, after all, is the only way a school now in the state system could be evaluated; if parents must send their children to a designated school, it can be as bad as the local authority doesn't mind it being. Only when bad schools find their pupils rolling falling will the effect of parent power be felt, and only when it is felt will there be a real incentive to improvement. And at this moment, the air is full of threats that not only will the independent schools be attacked, but that the Assisted Places Scheme (the most striking of all testimony to the widespread failure of the state system) will be abolished.

It may be that that is what most parents want, but I doubt it. I think they want the best education their children can get, as my family wanted for me, and my school friend's father did not for him. Once, his father's attitude would have aroused neither surprise nor criticism; indeed, as I have said, it would have been widely accepted and admired. But these shackles, too, have slipped from the wrists of those who have so long been denied the fruits of their labour and their aspirations. They have shown that they want to live more comfortably; they are showing that they want to work free of the constraints imposed by the union *mafiast*; they will inevitably show, and very soon, that they want for their children what I got from my scholarship, the barrow boy's sons from his money, and 26,000 this year from the Assisted Places Scheme.

I can see no reason why they shouldn't have it — except, of course, for the obstruction of those who have devised a wholly spurious image of working-class solidarity, and in its name would deny the working class first their right to buy their council houses, next their right to vote on whether they wish to strike, and now their right to give their children the best education that real choice can provide.

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T.E. Utley

Antidotes to anecdotes

There are things which people believe and things which they pretend to believe. This is particularly true of the poor tormented British electorate at this time.

In the first category comes their conviction that the National Health Service is going to hell. This they believe, not on the strength of statistics (the government has won all the statistical arguments) but on the strength of experience and anecdotal evidence — the time they have to wait for an operation, the queues, the squalor and the rampant discontent of doctors and nurses.

There is, of course, an excellent explanation of all this. The demand for health is infinite, the scientific possibilities for gratifying it are almost equally so and the nation is rapidly becoming a nation of hypochondriacs.

The only way forward is to concentrate public benevolence on those who cannot afford to pay and to make those who can contribute something to what they want. This the Conservative Party will not do, although it is being falsely accused of having that intention.

The NHS will get worse under Tory rule, and a lot worse under Labour rule. Because Labour will be just as unable to cope with the crisis as the Tories are, and will suffer as well from the illusion that it can spend its way out of it.

In this matter, the Tories must depend on the scepticism of the electorate, which must surely know that every party is failing to tell the whole truth about the NHS.

Unemployment is another kettle of fish. Here the evidence of experience and of anecdote is totally different. It suggests that this unspeakable evil does not exist on anything like the scale on which it is supposed to exist.

Lord Harris of High Cross, in an admirable pamphlet called *Myths on Unemployment* published last week, has advanced this hypothesis with scholarly caution. A large proportion of the unemployed are only temporarily so; a further large proportion find it more profitable to receive benefit from the state than to get jobs; others work in the black economy; others have prematurely retired of their own free will; others find it possible to manage on benefit without working and do not want to work.

It is a conventional notion that three million people are permanently condemned to poverty and idleness. But we all know, from our own experience, that this is an illusion, which is why the country is now so relatively content.

I do not, of course, know whether Lord Harris, statistically speaking, is right, but let it be added, neither does he. He is

simply suggesting an interesting inquiry, and one which common experience suggests is justified. If one was born yesterday, one would expect this happy thought — that perhaps there are fewer people suffering utter misery than is conventionally supposed — would produce a whoop of joy.

Not so: the Labour and Alliance parties have expressed their "outrage"; the Tories have remained judiciously silent, although, on the strength of the government's own statistics, they know there is a lot of truth in what Lord Harris has said.

This political reaction, however, simply expresses one of the rules of the game: if you suggest that some terrible public distress is in fact rather less serious than is commonly supposed, you are assumed to be approving its existence.

Lord Harris, however, commits worse offences than this. He even suggests that certain apparently compassionate policies, like a national minimum wage for reducing unemployment, will in fact increase it — by helping those in jobs to keep other people out.

The notion that you can simply legislate public evil out of existence is widespread among the political establishment; but it is so widespread among the electorate, who are really quite sensible?

Let me give an example which is near to my heart. I belong to that vast and much sung company of the disabled, and I feel that my brothers in affliction are most severely threatened by a sentence in the Alliance party manifesto.

It menaces them with a "bill of rights" which would protect them against "discrimination". As the disabled and ethnic minorities know very well, their ability to get employment depends initially on their capacity to win approval by doing good work for small wages. Deprive them of that, force reluctant employers to pay them properly, and they are finished.

To get back to the point: the Tory party for the next 10 days is to be subjected to a sustained campaign of compassion-oriented abuse. It will be well advised to resist it vigorously.

Last week I heard an excellent programme called *Brass Tacks* conducted by one of the best BBC presenters, Roisin McAuley, about the views of unemployed people in the new town of Telford, Shropshire.

They did not blame Mrs Thatcher for unemployment, nor did they exaggerate its importance. They believed practically nothing, like the rest of the British electorate, except that a little should be banged for rape.

A little touch of candour in the Tory party's last-stretch campaign will be perfectly in order.

however... Philip Howard

Only tomes with tone in future

People say that life is the thing, but I prefer reading. The trouble is that there is too much to read. A serious journalist is supposed to read all the papers every day for a start. I know that you can read the average tabloid blat in 90 seconds flat without concentrating. But the 90 seconds add up over the year, and I resent the time wasted, and the need to wash my mind out afterwards. I am alarmed by the long shelves of magazines in station bookshells, offering titles and topics and areas of knowledge that are closed books to me. Am I missing something?

The reading lists of heroes like Gladstone are dauntingly depressing. In December 1835 Lord Macaulay wrote: "I have cast up my reading account, and brought it to the end of the year. During the last thirteen months I have read Aeschylus twice; Sophocles twice; Euripides once; Pindar twice; Callimachus; Apollonius Rhodius; Quintus Calaber; Theocritus twice; Herodotus; Thucydides; almost all Xenophon's works; almost all Plato; Aristotle's *Politics*; and a good deal of his *Organon*, besides dipping elsewhere in him; the whole of Plutarch's *Lives*; about half of Lucian; two or three books of Athenaeus; Plautus twice; Terence twice; Lucretius twice; Catullus; Tibullus; Propertius; Lucan; Statius; Silius Italicus; Livy; Velleius Paterculus; Sallust; Caesar; and lastly Cicero. I have indeed a little of Cicero left; but I shall finish him in a few days. I am now deep in Aristophanes and Lucian..."

Apart from that, the voracious book-cruncher was a member of the Supreme Council and president of the Committee of Public Instruction of India, and as president of the Commission on the Jurisprudence and Jurisdiction of the Eastern Empire had drawn up a full and majestic penal code in less than 12 months.

Of course he had help to protect his reading time. He probably did not have to wash up much, or darn his own socks, or do the groceries. There were fewer distractions such as television. You could comment that his list shows a bias towards the ancient and classical; not many modern novels, for instance. In 1835 Browning had just published *Paracelsus*, Hans Christian Andersen had published a charming collection of fairy tales, and Bulwer-Lytton had given us *The Last Days of Pompeii*, of which I suspect Macaulay would have disapproved. Nevertheless, his bedtime reading list for a year

is titanic, filling us epigones with envy and inferiority.

There is no hope of competing with Macaulay. He started with better mind, dammit. But I think we must simplify and prune our lives to get in a bit more reading of books that matter. Most books don't matter. The principal wisdom that one gets from reading



books is that very few of them are worth reading. The best-sellers and publishers' brown-paper-jobs ("This one is so sensational, dear boy, that we cannot risk review copies, but if you send round an armoured car on the day before publication, and promise not to tell anybody else, just for you there will be a copy wrapped in brown paper") are rubbish and rip-off hype.

Let us waste no more time of the rest of our lives reading them. I propose curing out reading quite a lot of the newspapers and mags — Sorry, old Ed. Any time spent reading the *Daily Mail* is time wasted. As somebody or other said, there are only two motives for reading a book: one is that you enjoy it; the other is that you can boast about it. Blow boasting. I am resolved to read for pleasure from now on. There was a quite alarming book published a few years ago called *A Lifetime's Reading* by Philip Ward. This guided you through 500 of the world's greatest books, or literature, at ten a year over 50 years. For example, year 15, to take a year at random, prescribes a bit of Kafka, Su Tung-Po, *Das Glasperlenspiel* by Hermann Hesse, masses of Freud, *Moby Dick*, Goethe poems, Rousseau's *Confessions*, and much other worthy matter. I am not man enough for such stern homework. But I resolve to try.



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LABOUR'S MISTAKEN TARGET

As the election passes its half way mark, the Conservatives have every reason for confidence, though not complacency, and the Labour Party has great cause for concern, if not yet despair. The opinion polls continue to show the Conservatives maintaining their clear and substantial lead; on the other hand, Labour has been edging upwards largely at the expense of the Alliance.

It is, however, by no means clear that the polls fully reflect, as yet, the public's absorption of the extraordinary incoherence of Labour's defence policy. What is certain is that the polls on "issues" consistently show that defence is Labour's weakest point, and every utterance by the Party's leaders makes that weakness more manifest.

Thus, yesterday, in ITV's Weekend World interview, Labour's defence spokesman Mr Denis Healey, conceded that American nuclear weapons are part of the defence of the West in practice, and he clearly implied that Britain, like the rest of NATO, would inevitably place some reliance on them. This is clearly at odds with Mr Kinnock's most recent pronouncement. The public has to understand the implications of Labour's contradictory utterances on defence, if it is to make an intelligent choice.

At the last Labour Conference Mr Kinnock said that it would be immoral to shelter under the American nuclear umbrella. But afterwards he and his Party edged away from that position until, as recently as last week, Mr Denis Healey recognised the reality of that umbrella. The next day, however, Mr Kinnock repudiated any reliance on it, and yet Mr Davies has now reminded us again that it is a fact of life.

The truth is that Labour is a unilateralist party with a unilateralist leader, who is surrounded by non-unilateralist colleagues who have to defend their case not on Mr Kinnock's grounds that these weapons are too nasty to hold, but must pretend that the real reason for abandoning them is it is more efficacious to put the money into conventional weapons. They have to pretend that the American nuclear umbrella would not be affected by our unilateralism.

It is not exactly a policy presentation to appeal to a patriotic and non-unilateralist majority of voters, which is why Mr Kinnock prefers not to be asked questions about it. On the other hand, if defence could be brushed aside, Labour apparently has the lead over the Conservatives on social questions, notably education, unemployment and health.

SINGED BEARDS IN THE KREMLIN

The exploit of a 19-year old West German in landing his light aircraft in the very citadel of Soviet power has precipitated the biggest purge of the defence establishment since Khrushchev dismissed Marshal Zhukov 30 years ago. Marshal Sergei Sokolov, the Soviet Defence Minister - forcibly retired, and Marshal Alexander Koldunov, Chief of Air Defence - dismissed in disgrace, are likely to be only the first to fall.

Ironies abound. As Mathias Rust touched down in Red Square, the top brass of the Warsaw Pact was assembled in East Berlin co-ordinating its defence policy. The Soviet Union was celebrating Border Guards' Day, dedicated to the guardians of the "invulnerable frontier". Marshal Koldunov, who evaded dismissal when his troops shot down the South Korean airliner in 1983, is now disgraced because his forces failed to bring down an amateur pilot in a Cessna. But irony will not temper the Kremlin's wrath.

The Soviet state regards its frontiers as sacrosanct. Violation of the frontier is not only a serious criminal offence, it also amounts to a violation of national dignity, a dignity which before the accession of Mr Gorbachev had been steadily eroded by economic failings and political indecision.

That it was not just a Westerner, but a West German, who breached Soviet defences makes the humiliation all the greater. Since the division of Germany, the Soviet authorities have made an effort to channel all residual anti-German sentiment towards West Germany. Herr Rust's audacity may look heroic in the West; to Russians it will be a source of indignation.

The practical implications are even more serious. However closely the Cessna was tracked (and that is still unclear), the Soviet Union's air defence forces in three separate military commands, including those of the advanced air defence system known to protect Moscow, proved incapable of halting it or unwilling to do so. The analogy sometimes drawn between the flight patterns of light aircraft and those of cruise missiles makes the failure of Soviet defences especially disturbing.

Not that the air defence commanders had an easy task. They had to decide whether to shoot

Labour needs to capitalise on this. It now seems to intend to try to do so by unleashing a personal attack on Mrs Thatcher as hard, arrogant and uncaring. This is their reply to the heavy personal attack to which Mr Kinnock has been subject in the media.

This is a manoeuvre the Labour tacticians may come to regret. There is a great difference between the two cases. The bombardment of Mr Kinnock arose wholly from his, and his image-makers', decision to turn his personality into Labour's principal selling point, and to use him and an apparently anonymous manifesto to prevent any serious discussion of Labour's policy.

Knowing that the electorate would dislike the consequences which would follow from Labour policies (including the revival of irresponsible trade union power and inflation) it appeals to anxieties shared by everyone about the short coming in the hospital service and education, and the level of unemployment. Understanding that the electorate has no time for the Leftist politics to which Mr Kinnock is personally inclined, they prefer simply to offer his engaging personality.

With Mrs Thatcher, however, there is no such gap between what she says and the policies she offers. Her worst enemy would have to concede that she says what she thinks and thinks what she says. Her policies are uncoincidental, and the Conservatives' great advantage with the electorate is that they have nothing to hide.

To attack Mrs Thatcher personally can only expose her political honesty, whether or not what she says commands agreement. An onslaught against her as a person could therefore look very cheap. It would appear very different from the attack on Mr Kinnock for diverting attention to his own personality and avoiding policy discussion.

The Conservatives are certainly vulnerable to such attacks as that which Labour launched in its party political broadcast last week on hospital waiting lists and inadequate staffing.

What they can claim is that a Labour government which risked a return to inflation would in the long run damage both social services and employment. They have a consistent theme and although Labour spokesmen may wield their hammer against Mrs Thatcher they will not be able to fragment it. Nor will they be able to damage her credibility as Mr Kinnock's was damaged last week as the motives for his personality-mongering were exposed.

and risk the damage to the Soviet Union's international image - and to military careers - that resulted from the shooting down of the Korean airliner, or to let it proceed, and confront the possible penalties of inaction. The message has now been delivered that under Mr Gorbachev inaction is not an option. For the West that is not especially reassuring.

General Dmitri Yazov now takes responsibility for a military which has found the long transfer of power to the Gorbachev generation especially hard to bear. While Red Army veterans still bask in the glory of their second world war victories and the authorities try to sustain the memory of those days as a force for national unity, military influence and prestige has faded.

Mr Gorbachev's limited economic reform programme is believed to have been supported - even urged - by the military for fear of the growing technological gap between East and West. Whether the defence sector has benefited, however, is debatable.

General Yazov's task now will be to guide the Soviet military into the Gorbachev era. It will not be easy, nor without tensions. At their meeting in East Berlin, Warsaw Pact leaders published a document on "military doctrine" which contains two ideas that might help to improve the international climate: an acceptance that mutual distrust rather than arms stockpiles forms a basis of East-West tension, and the establishment of "reasonable sufficiency" as a measure of defence requirements, rather than numerical parity in troops and weapons.

Both represent a departure from traditional Soviet views on defence, and both need to be tested in practice before their significance can be judged. The case of Herr Rust and his Cessna will provide one such test, albeit a small one. The Soviet authorities, and the military in particular, now have to decide whether to try the pilot - to discourage others - or to release him with a reprimand and expel him from the country. If they can bring themselves to do the latter, while ensuring that their defence command is more alert and effective in future, there is a chance that their "military doctrine" may be worth a second glance.

The blackmail trap

From Mr Tim Butchard
Sir, Positive vetting procedures are in part designed to identify personality weaknesses which might attract the attention of a hostile agency. This is important work, but through its definition of what constitutes vulnerability our Government continues to set a trap for some of its staff.

By declining a security ticket to those who betray any homosexual inclination, the security services are forcing some public servants to withhold pertinent information in order to protect their jobs, thus rendering them vulnerable to entrapment. The Soviet intelligence networks must be delighted by a policy which enables them to continue deploying their old gambit: the threat of disclosure.

A system of declaration with impunity would benefit British security interests. Having declared his or her homosexuality, it follows that the public servant would no longer be vulnerable to this

form of blackmail. The practice has been adopted successfully by other governments, notably Australia. Some Australian officials of the highest rank have made such a declaration and can serve their country at home and overseas without fear of being either compromised or disgraced. One wonders why Britain has been so slow to adopt this practical and civilised procedure.

Yours faithfully,
TIM BUTCHARD,
Cultural Section,
British Consulate-General,
244 Yongfu Road,
Shanghai.
People's Republic of China.

Fiji rebellion

From Mr J. E. Tricks
Sir, Your leader (May 21) urges a breakdown of ethnic interests in Fiji with Melanesians going into commerce and Indians becoming landowners.

The realities of the racial differences, alas, preclude such solu-

tions. The ethnic Fijian tradition of sharing wealth with a very extended family makes it difficult for them to succeed as entrepreneurs. Most land, including that which is Indian tenanted, is owned by these extended families and cannot by law or custom be sold.

Any attempt by well-intentioned Commonwealth governments to influence the future constitution will surely fail if it seeks to tamper with Fijian land rights or political paramountcy. Friendly governments however, can reasonably insist that the new constitution grants Indians all the other rights they have enjoyed since independence and more protection under the law than they appear to have received in recent days.

Yours faithfully,
J. E. TRICKS,
Smith Hayne,
Chertion Fitzpaine,
Creddon,
Devon.
May 22.

Increased demand on the NHS

From Dr Aubrey Bristow
Sir, The unbalanced view of the NHS presented by Mr Hutchinson and others (May 22) cannot go unchallenged. They are quite right to point out that funding on the NHS has been insufficient to prevent inadequate recruitment, unacceptable waiting lists and diminishing support services, but wrong to claim that the present Government has been responsible for a decline in health care provision.

The reality is that ever since 1979 medical technology has advanced by leaps and bounds and far outstripped the increase in resources that the Conservatives quite rightly claim to have provided. Consider the two most topical operations: improvements in anaesthesia and post-operative care mean that hip replacement can be offered to almost all regardless of age or fitness, whilst coronary by-pass operations are now a normal consideration for sufferers from angina, as opposed to a rarity offered only to patients in specialised units.

This massive increase in demand and expectation has been compounded by entirely new treatments. Some, such as the newer body scanners, can cost as much as a whole unit or hospital ward in 1979. Our hospitals may well be dilapidated, but they merely reflect the greater concentration of resources to direct patient care.

It is quite proper to highlight the shortcomings of the NHS, but those of us with a longer memory of the NHS than Mr Hutchinson will remember the low morale, closed hospitals and waiting lists under the last Labour Government. Indeed, when addressing the national junior doctors' committee recently, Michael Meacher stressed that he could offer no more than a three per cent increase in health-care provision because this would be all that a future Labour Government could afford.

As a doctor, as opposed to a politician, I despair at the way that health care has become a political football. Most of the present manifesto offers a real solution to the ever-increasing financial appetite of the NHS. The only difference between the parties appears to be their ability to maintain a strong economy with which to pay for it.

Yours faithfully,
AUBREY BRISTOW,
The Royal Hospital of St Bartholomew,
Department of Anaesthesia,
West Smithfield, ECI.
May 22.

From Professor Miles Irving
Sir, The emotional outburst by the junior doctors on the current state of the health service can be allowed to pass without comment on the grounds that they have probably forgotten, or did not experience, the appalling times in the NHS during the winter of discontent.

Myth of chivalry

From Mr Derek Robinson
Sir, Piet Hein Meijering, in a book review (Spectrum, May 12), claims that the First World War aviators were probably the last truly chivalric combatants, fighting under a code of honour that imposed certain voluntary limitations.

I have raised this question of chivalry with many veterans of the Royal Flying Corps. Almost all told me that, when it came to combat, chivalry counted for nothing. Their sole object was to destroy the enemy aircraft as quickly as possible. If it was at a disadvantage because it was disabled, or technically inferior, or outnumbered, or (ideally) unaware that it was about to be attacked, then so much the better.

Indeed, the sign of a good pilot was that he ensured the enemy was always at a disadvantage and landed him in the kill, even to the extent sometimes of machine-gunning an enemy pilot on the ground after he had been forced down, or of machine-gunning the observer after he had been obliged to parachute from a burning observation balloon.

I heard of no instance where a pilot "played fair" or stood off and gave his opponent a second

chance (when, for instance, the enemy pilot's gun had jammed). Such behaviour would have been regarded as foolish and suicidal.

It is true that some veterans recalled "chivalrous" acts, but these invariably turned out to be non-combat affairs, such as the dropping of message bags with information about missing pilots.

The myth of chivalry in the air was largely created by Lloyd George in 1917 when he said of the RFC, "They are the knights of this war, without fear and without reproach: they recall the legendary days of chivalry..."

The reality has been better expressed by an ex-RFC pilot, Oliver Stewart. The objective of the First World War pilot, Stewart said, "if we are to be strictly honest about it, was to sneak in unobserved close behind his opponent and then shoot him in the back."

That was how the great aces built their scores. Pilots deluded by notions of chivalry did not last long in that - or any - war.

Yours faithfully,
DEREK ROBINSON,
Shapland House,
Somerset Street,
Kingsdown,
Bristol, Avon.
May 23.

From Mr Robert Peel
Sir, Despite being a British-born citizen, resident in the United Kingdom all my life, I find myself unable to vote in the forthcoming general election. The reason? As a one-year temporary working resident in Colombia I am not entitled to apply for a postal vote as a holidaymaker who will be abroad on June 11.

Further enquiries to the British Embassy in Bogota reveal that to vote as a British overseas resident I need to have placed myself on the overseas electoral register by October of the year preceding the election. This means October, 1986, a full 20 months before the current Government's mandate could have expired and seven months before Mrs Thatcher's official announcement of the election date.

All this in spite of my being on the electoral register in the UK but unable to vote there in person. What has happened to my democratic rights?

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT PEELE,
As from: AA 332,
Popayan,
Colombia, South America.
May 16.

From Mr Robert Peel
Sir, A recent check of the first-aid cabinet at Harpenden police station revealed an unused triangular bandage, packaged and issued by the Home Office air raid precautions department in December, 1938.

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Chorus of praise sounds for opera

From the Editor of Classical Music Magazine
Sir, George Gale's personal opinions on the merits of 19th century opera (feature, May 23) constitute neither "a critical look at a minor but expensive art-form", nor an examination of the need for opera, as your captions mischievously suggest.

Setting aside the curious implication that there are no insights into human nature to be found in the works of *La traviata* and *Die Meistersinger*, Mr Gale really does part company with his trolley in asserting that grand opera is "vulgar without being popular".

The facts show that, even today, the operas he refers to fill Britain's theatres to bursting point. Complete with large casts, choruses and orchestras, they are an inescapable part of operatic history. Reducing subsidy and pushing up seat prices (a process well under way) is the most powerful deterrent yet to the expression of their true popularity.

Mr Gale, and your co-editors, should be careful of handing a loaded gun to those who are evidently hell-bent on denying live opera - whether meretricious or not - to everyone.

Yours faithfully,
GRAEME KAY, Editor,
Classical Music Magazine,
241 Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2.
May 27.

From Mr F. M. Stockdale
Sir, George Gale's diatribe against opera requires immediate rebuttal.

To say that prices encouraged opera as an art that threatens no regime is precisely the opposite of the truth. Mozart's *Marriage of Figaro* was as difficult to get past the censor in a Vienna ruled by Marie-Antoinette's brother as Verdi's *Rigoletto* in the Hapsburg's Venice.

Both works needed disguise (Figaro kept in Spain, Hugo's king demoted to duke) to avoid too obvious a tilt at the authorities.

In our own century, an enjoyably subversive production of *Fidelio* in Prague or Johannesburg would have far greater political effect than any demonstration in Hyde Park.

Yours faithfully,
FREDDIE STOCKDALE,
Director,
Pavilion Opera,
Theatre Royal, Haymarket,
London.
May 26.

From Mr Dennis Arundell
Sir, George Gale in his article skims over operatic history, maintaining that opera "always made much of spectacular effects", not knowing that several of Gluck's operas were first given in the same small Burgtheater, (converted from being a bathhouse) where scenery could be decorative but hardly spectacular; and he remarks that Marie Antoinette "with Gluck in tow was bitterly opposed by Madame Du

Cricket hooliganism

From Miss Rosalind Rawnsley
Sir, You report today (May 27) that Mr Douglas Hurd may consider banning alcohol from cricket grounds if it can be proved that it was a contributory factor to the disorder at the England v Pakistan match at Edgbaston.

As a spectator of the match, with a seat in the stand adjacent to that where the principal trouble occurred, I had a clear view of everything that happened, and I think there can be no doubt that the situation was aggravated by alcohol consumption.

The police were showered with beer cans at the end where most of the Pakistan supporters were gathered, and at the end of the stand nearest to where I was sitting it was obvious that very large quantities of beer were being consumed, and many so-called supporters were removed by the police in what looked (viewed through binoculars) like a total state of inebriation.

At the beginning of the match there was a considerable level of high spirits on both sides among the supporters. Appeals for quiet were totally ineffective, possibly because the public address system was inadequate. As the day wore on, I think it must be said that most of the worst behaviour appeared to be among the English contingent.

A minority of troublemakers, some of whom were identified and removed by the police, succeeded in spoiling a most exciting day's cricket for everyone else. It must have been extremely distracting for the players as well.

If hooliganism, hitherto more usually confined to football matches, is to become a regular feature of cricket as well, steps need to be taken to control the supporters in the same way. The barriers at Edgbaston are far too easily scaled.

Yours faithfully,
ROSALIND RAWNSLEY,
Wyken Cottage,
Bridgnorth,
Shropshire.
May 27.

Eternal triangle?

From Sergeant Ambrose Killen
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ON THIS DAY

JUNE 1 1898

Nicholas II, Emperor and Autocrat of All the Russias (1868-1918) was crowned on May 26, 1896, in the Cathedral of the Assumption in Moscow. He and his family were murdered at the Bolsheviks on September 17 (now September 18) in July, 1918. Of the disaster reported below, *The Times* leader thought that it "may seem in some aspects to have invested the stately splendour of the Moscow ceremony with the touch of human pathos which it had hitherto fortunately lacked".

THE TSAR'S CORONATION.

TERRIBLE DISASTER AT MOSCOW.

MOSCOW, May 30.

A popular fête to-day, held on the Khodynskiy plain, on the outskirts of the city, for the entertainment of the lower orders, has led to one of the most awful disasters that it is possible to conceive. Consistently over 1,000 persons have been crushed to death.

The place where this terrible catastrophe occurred is the Khodynskiy plain, on which the races, military reviews, and popular fairs are usually held, opposite to the Petruskiy Palace... All round the edge of the plain nearest to the highway leading from the city is a fringe of small wooden stalls or booths for the distribution of the Tsar's dolls, consisting of an ornamented tin mug, a sausage, a kind of gingerbread cake, and a paper bag full of nuts and sweets, all tied up together in a cotton print handkerchief stamped with views of the Kremlin. These stalls are ranged close together with small passages between them, and barriers gradually widening out to receive the crowds and let through only two or three persons at a time to receive their bundles over the counter. These absurd arrangements proved veritable death traps. Who is responsible for them, and for the absence of precautions against a crush, it is at present impossible to say. In any case this fatal point of attraction was the destination of hundreds of thousands of poor folk... On they trudged, men, women, and children, coming from all directions, especially from the rich and populous manufacturing districts near Moscow, crossing themselves before church and shrine, and perhaps muttering a prayer for the Tsar. It is calculated that at least 500,000 persons had collected on the Khodynskiy plain at the early hour of 5 this morning. The distribution of the dolls was appointed for 10 o'clock. This vast crowd of tired and hungry peasants and workmen could not wait so long. They began to clamour for the Imperial gift. The crowd continually increased until there must have been, it is calculated, some 800,000... I have hitherto written of the orderliness of Russian crowds and the excellent arrangements of the police during the coronation. On this occasion, I am afraid, so much cannot be said. If there were any police or troops at all on the spot, they were evidently powerless. A cry was raised to storm the booths and seize the bundles. The distributors in the booths got frightened, and in order to save themselves began to pitch the bundles among the crowds. This was fatal. The people fought, crushed, and trampled each other to death in desperation. The ground was uneven, and there were ditches and holes which became crammed with dead and dying. On and over them, even over the heads of the still living, surged the maddened crowds like the mighty billows of the ocean. Hundreds were suffocated and flattened like pancakes.

The Emperor and Empress arrived at the central pavilion, escorted by a number of mounted officers, at 2 o'clock. Nothing could be seen from this point of the terrible misfortune of the early morning, although heaps of the remaining bodies were lying not many hundred yards to the left...

THE ARTS

Aiming low

Talent quests are well suited to television, but *Bob Says Opportunity Knocks* (BBC1) is embarrassing. The trouble is not the contestants, nor is it the braying studio audience, it is Bob himself.

The title says it all — opportunity knocks for torch-singers from Stoke Poges and female impersonators from Scunthorpe, but only because Bob Monkhouse says so. There is no escape from the man. There he is, with his satin lapels and his fluorescent smile, those mechanical-doll gestures signalling the too

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familiar punchline, heralding each performer with an eruption of florid fourth-form alliteration; the whole, elaborately contrived effect suggesting a performer who has spent a lifetime practising before a mirror.

Bob Monkhouse's problem is that he has less beneath his status. An intelligent, quick-witted man, he keeps trying to be a low comedian in the celebrated variety hall manner, but the tradition cannot accommodate him. A stand-up comic is a high-definition personality (like Max Miller, Les Dawson and others too numerous to mention), a master of the specific, but not the general, and an instantly recognizable cartoon character. Always, it is the man who is funny, not the jokes.

Monkhouse has constructed an ersatz comic persona. Significantly, he has spent most of his career as the host of television game shows borrowed from America, where the prizes are more important than the laughs.

There were no identity problems apparent in *The Late Clive James* (ITV): the simplest chat-show on television and, by a civilized mile, the best. Where Aspel is bland, Hartley Flippant and Wogan bloated with self-regard, James is both funny and perceptive. He can turn a joke into an idea, and an anecdote into a theme, without forsaking the light touch the form demands.

Michael Dean



John Keane (left) and Eric Donkin in the twice-extended Broadway run of *The Mikado*; and Maureen Brennan and Jason Graae in the musical *Stardust*



Broadway in better form

Late spring is usually the best time of year on Broadway. There are two dozen shows running, most of them new. After the Tony and other awards are given several of the also-rans will close, but the official 1986-87 season still looks reasonably lively both artistically and commercially.

Only four of the new shows are British imports, but all have inspired awe one way or another, and without *Me and My Girl*, *Starlight Express*, *Les Misérables* and the recent arrival of the RSC company in *Les Liaisons dangereuses* (the Franglo shows being known here as "Les Miz" and "Les Lays"), the mood on Broadway would be wistful.

The only American musical to survive more than a few weeks is *Stardust* (Biltmore Theatre), the first Broadway revue devoted to the work of a lyricist. Mitchell Parish's collaborations are celebrated in performances of his "Star Dust" (composed by Hoagy Carmichael), "Moonlight Serenade" (Glen Miller), "Sophisticated Lady" (Duke Ellington) and 33 other tunes, including "Deep Purple" and "Ruby". Moved with its personable cast from an off-off-Broadway showcase production, *Stardust* is pleasant entertainment which might sparkle with

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In spite of good reviews, the wonderful *Barbara Cook: A Concert for the Theatre* closed in two weeks. At least Miss Cook's show was appreciated in London, a fact she gratefully acknowledged when chatting to audiences here. Also on the musical scene have been the Brooklyn Academy of Music's Gershwin Celebration, a world premiere concert presentation of the Pulitzer Prize-winning musical *O'Fhe I Sing* and its sequel, *Let 'Em Eat Cake*, on the same programme. The New York City Opera offered a spirited revival of *Southern Pacific* which made lots of us nostalgic for the days when American musical theatre talents like Rodgers and Hammerstein were turning out in just one show 12 songs which would still be hits 40 years later.

The Stratford Festival of Canada's worldwide touring company of *The Mikado* (Virginia Theatre) has extended its Broadway run twice. One of its likely contenders for the Best Revival award is the Long Wharf Theatre's mounting of Arthur Miller's *All My Sons* (Golden Theatre). Arvin Brown's production was particularly fascinating to me because the dif-

ferences, from broad to subtle, between performances were such a clear demonstration that naturalistic acting is a style to be mastered as much as Shakespeare or Coward. Though many admire Richard Kiley as Joe Keller, I found him too busy, frittering away his energy until he had not enough left for the crisis and denouement.

Blithe Spirit (Neil Simon Theatre) has just extended its run, demonstrating that the combination of a Noel Coward comedy and an all-star cast (Richard Chamberlain as Charles, Blythe Danner as Elvira, Judith Ivey as Ruth, Geraldine Page as Madame Arcati) is what audiences want to see in spite of some poisonous reviews from on high.

Having expected the noted naturalistic actresses Ivey and Page to be dreadful at playing Coward and finding them both masterly in their characters, I thought the show a joy, beautifully designed by Finlay James (sets) and Theoni V. Aldredge (costumes) in a daring blend of the mauve-lavender with the rust-gold families.

The fourth notable revival is *Pygmalion* (Plymouth Theatre), in which Peter O'Toole's antic Henry Higgins plays the rising American star

Amanda Plummer's Eliza Doolittle to a draw. The supporting cast is so-so, the tea party scene a triumph, and the last scene interminable, but we only get to see *My Fair Lady* occasionally, so the real *Pygmalion* is a treat, even in an uneven production. Most performances of Shaw and Coward here are uneven: the style is rickety but the sense of fun is, on the whole, greater than any productions of those authors I have seen in Britain.

Though *A Month of Sundays* and Harvey Fierstein's three one-acts about AIDS, *Safe Sex*, were fast folds, new plays have mostly fared well lately. With *Les Liaisons dangereuses* warmly welcomed, *Fences* just taking the Pulitzer Prize, Neil Simon's *Broadway Bound*, Mark Hamill starring as host to *The Nerd* (Helen Hayes Theatre), John Pielmeier's *Sleight of Hand* (Cort Theatre) trying to be *Sleuth* with magic tricks, and three off-Broadway transfers — *Tina Howe's Coastal Disturbances* (Circle in the Square), *Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* (Longacre Theatre) and *Ismael* (Jack Lawrence Theatre) — there are more plays currently running on Broadway than in many past years. Temporarily at least, the grey spectre haunting the Great White Way has been edged back into the shadows.

Holly Hill

THEATRE IN LONDON

The Westwoods Eccetera

"How does he think it all out?" marvelled a woman in the interval, he being Alan Ayckbourn; and it is more than usually complex double helix of a comedy.

Fasten your seat-belts. Four stages in the life of Patricia Westwood, played by four actresses: pony-tailed Tidge in the Fifties trying to coax some emotion out of sullen school boy Robert; mini-skirted Patricia shacking up with pop merchant Rab; matronly Trish knowing all about husband Bobby's affair with a girl half his age; menopausal Pat astonished by a schoolboy's calf-love for her.

When the plot requires the on-stage presence of Tidge's mother (Alwynne Taylor), Trish's daughter (Debbie Wall) or father's girlfriend (Alison Rose) the plot allows an actress of the needed age-group to be on hand to play her.

It is no surprise to learn that in the second act Ayckbourn shows the male side of the coins, four actors playing a succession of Roberts. New encounters echo the old, with a different player commenting on events.

So a schoolboy thrilled that an older woman appreciates his Doris Day records is matched 30 years later when he thrills her by bringing her coke to sniff as a birthday treat. The rapport achieved by Mela White and Christopher Downing here is delightful, and the marvel is that so interlocked a structure can produce moments of such true if boldly drawn emotion.

Direction is by Vivienne Cozens, and the Eccetera Theatre, seating 50, is above the Oxford Arms at Camden Lock.

Jeremy Kingston

● Chekhov's *Three Sisters* opens at the Albery Theatre on Wednesday, with a cast including Francesca Annis, Hywel Bennett, Rob Heyland, Sara Kestelman, Ian Ogilvy, Susan Penhaligon and Katharine Schlesinger. The play is directed by Elijah Moshinsky. Michael Frayn's translation was first seen in this production at the Greenwich Theatre in March.

Berlin bloom

It takes the listener with a care for his own sanity most of his time at the moment to dodge the General Election. Even during Radio 4's *An Evening in Berlin* (Monday) it was necessary to run for cover when first *The World Tonight* and then *Election Platform* declined to give way to the German capital's 750th anniversary, the celebration of which made a very attractive departure from the standard Monday evening schedule.

Proceedings began with *The Island City*, in which the novelist Jack Higgins revisited

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the place he had known as a National Serviceman. He took us into the Olympic Stadium and back to the Games when Jesse Owens won his gold medals and Hitler, who had personally greeted every previous winner, declined to acknowledge him, a black American. The Führer was to be heard vociferating to rapturous acclaim and later Kennedy declaring "Ich bin ein Berliner" also to rapturous acclaim, provoking the disagreeable reflection that one crowd emoting may be very much like another. Shadows of the past lay heavy on Higgins's Berlin. But I could have done with a little less of Mr Higgins's reflection and a good deal more contribution from the citizens.

In this respect the balance was better in Max Eastman's *The Price of Peace*, which was divided from *The Island City* by a brief foray with Willie Rushton into the Berlin Underground, following it as it wanders impartially beneath West and East alike and observing that the only people standing on the latter's stations (where the trains do not stop) are the armed guards. Mr Eastman's was also a return visit and he confessed himself, in contrast to a previous occasion, quite sorry to leave. Things, he assured us, had improved.

The presence of that Wall was everywhere throughout the evening. Kaledoscope took as its title "Walled-in Art" and spoke of a city the more determined by the very fact of its encirclement to keep culture going. But, as so often, it fell to a play to flesh the Berlin situation out. In *Monika Jung's The Other Side*, Silvia in the East sends a message via a balloon to anyone in the West who finds it. Marianne finds it, makes contact and the two meet — in the East as it has to be. The lead-up to that meeting and the meeting itself did more than any other programme in the evening to convey the feeling of living in the two Berlins: the claustrophobia, the frustration, the surveillance and, above all, the solemn absurdity of it all.

Missing Berlin's achievement by 17, Brian Johnston has chalked up only 733 editions of *Down Your Way* and his last, appropriately enough, *Lord's*, was in the old tradition — not a single nasty rising ball among the questions, not a hint of recent ructions. But you might as well criticize sugar for being sweet. *Down Your Way* has always been a place for it and Johnners has been offering best quality granulated for 15 years with unending kindness and enthusiasm.

H.F.

David Wade

OPERA

Cinderella Elizabeth Hall

At last Opera 80 have been granted what is, rightly or wrongly, considered to be the final seal of status: a London performance of one of their touring productions. And this *Cinderella*, brought to the South Bank as part of the London International Opera Festival, parades all that is best about the troupe: the intimacy of musical and dramatic engagement they can achieve, the vitality of their ensemble and the stylish imagination of their strongest productions.

Little was lost visually as the piece transferred to the Elizabeth Hall. David Short's mellow interior of faded painted panelling has worn well on its travels, and all we

really missed was the depth of vista. If anything, the command of Rossinian style was more secure than when I reported from the winter tour, and the delight of this production is in how snugly that style fits with Wilfred Judd's witty stage business.

It will be remembered, above all, as a *Cinderella* which conjured the fairy-tale and quietened the pants. The Clorinda and Tisbe of Alison Hagley and Jane Findlay were wonderfully true, silly creatures, not without pathos, but certainly for once without a trace of camp cliché. Sharon Cooper still glowed at the centre as a Cinderella who should have been encouraged to sing her song as much as she liked. George Mosley's Dandini stood out amongst the wigs and ruffles, and Ivor Bolton, who also shared the conducting on tour, was deliciously aware of the thespians in the pit as well.

Hilary Finch

CONCERTS

Melody thrives

Schubert Quartet Wigmore Hall

The Franz Schubert Quartet of Vienna are in London this week with three Rasumovskys, three quintets and three lots of guests. If tomorrow's and next Saturday's concerts are anything like the one this weekend, it will be a memorable trio of Wigmore Summer Nights.

The first of Beethoven's "Rasumovsky" Quartets, like the little Mozart K155 before it, showed them to be above all melodists. Their leader, Florian Zwissler, glories in the long, gleaming line; his confères like nothing better than to sink into the mellifluous second subject or create cushioning for his adagio solo. It sometimes meant that rhythms and shorter motifs were fractured, over-emphasized, by way of contrast. But the quartet's astute sense of the harmonic pivot of every passing chord was a safe enough counterbalance.

After the interval the young Austrians were joined by two of the most colourful personalities in British chamber-music-making at the moment: the pianist Susan Tomes and the double-bassist Chi-chi Nwanoku. Both play as if there is nothing on earth they would rather be doing at that moment, and their delight in the unorthodox combination to which they contributed in Schubert's "Trout" Quintet was almost palpable.

As Nwanoku kept the bass line of the "Trout" theme buoyant, so Tomes ensured that the second half of each familiar measure was never left to look after itself. It was Tomes's full-bodied yet pellucid, darting fingerwork which offered just the challenge Nwanoku needed when it came to picking her way through the tune herself; and it was the corporate sense of fresh encounter which made this such a valuable performance.

H.F.

Murray Perahia Festival Hall

Murray Perahia's recital on Friday contained all the ingredients one would expect of it and a few that some, perhaps, might not. He has made his reputation not by fulfilling the traditional role of extrovert keyboard virtuoso but through playing with a refinement that can seem too much for some sensibilities. Those who expected only delicate pussy-footing, however, will have here been summarily disabused by Perahia's powerful, if poetic, readings of two Beethoven sonatas and of Schumann's *Pastorale*, Op 12.

First, though, he gave two works by Mozart, meticulously controlling, as he always does, the textural colours, invariably allowing melodic lines to sing melliflously and shaping his re-bats with the utmost subtlety. At the same time, his fingerwork in the distinctly contrapuntal outer movements of the D major Sonata, K576, had an appropriate, slightly brittle edge to it, though the *Fantasia* in D minor, K397, was played for what it is: a charming, if slightly dark-

ened, improvisational whimsy whose individual moments do not really add up to anything very solid.

But then came the Schumann, eight shortish pieces that demanded immense emotional, as well as technical, versatility. In *Des Adieux*, the gentlest of them, Perahia's sensing of the meaning of the moment, of the exact charge contained within an harmonic change, was quite remarkable, while the sweeping figures of *Aufschwung* and, in darker context, of *In der Nacht* and the sheer motivic force of *Träumerei*, showed that this pianist has sheer physical power as well as the subtlest touch at his command. And there are qualities he invariably uses intelligently, with what one might call a calculated spontaneity.

He possesses insight too, as his readings of the Beethoven sonatas, Op 81a in E flat ("Les Adieux"), and Op 110 in A flat, subtly proved. Op 81a was just as vivid, and sometimes as hard-edged, as Pollini's performance of the other week, but Perahia was wise enough to portray it as young man's music, about a young man's emotions.

Stephen Pettitt

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The Russian violinist Rimma Sushanskaya has spent her career so far almost entirely in Eastern Europe and the States, where she emigrated in the Seventies. Her first appearance at the Wigmore Hall showed her entirely mistress of her instrument, and very much her own mistress too.

Long arms, long, sweeping bow-strokes and an exceptionally strong left hand were used to make a dramatically convincing case for works that were something less than masterpieces: Lipkin's Sonata, for instance, the Vitali Chaconne or Bloch's *Nigun*. When it came to Prokofiev's Second Sonata, the approach was a little over-aggressive; only in Shostakovich's Four Preludes did she let go enough to enable the high speed of her urgently musical responses to fall into place. Ravel's *Tzigane*

showed her to be a player of distinctive character as well as confident virtuosity.

Julian Gray and Ronald Pearl are as skilled as transcribers as they are as performers: their Wigmore Hall programme of music for two guitars included five Brahms waltzes and two Schubert *Moments musicaux* which danced in and out of the 12 strings as if they had always been intended for them.

Sensitivity to contrapuntal voicing and phrasing was linked to exact, yet always flexible rubato to create performances of considerable flair. Carulli's Serenade showed the bolder and more flamboyant aspect of their art; new life, new shades and nuances were given to two Shostakovich Preludes and Fugues; and Oliver Hunt's *Two White Doves* showed the players' enterprise and imagination in the performance of contemporary repertoire.

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MONDAY PAGE

Marriage, and other calamities

The twinset-and-pearls brigade have gone —
counsellors of all kinds are now tackling
crises of all sorts. Sally Mouldsdales reports

Wearing a loose, Indian print dress and drinking Dutch gin in the kitchen of her Oxford house at 2.30pm, music teacher Marga Emlyn-Jones is out to dispel the twinset-and-pearls image of the marriage guidance counsellor. Although there are those who still picture counsellors as overbearing matrons or stern men behind desks, all bent on telling you what to do, society's new-found enthusiasm for sexual fidelity has had an unexpected side effect: it has become almost fashionable to be a client of the Marriage Guidance Council.

Fifty years ago a group of clergymen, doctors and social workers decided to organize a marriage counselling service to stem the rising tide of divorce, then reaching 7,000 a year. Now the annual figure is 20 times that, and the MGC counsellors about 40,000 couples a year.

Marriage is no longer a prerequisite of counselling. The organization is involved with a wide range of personal problems, including sex, drugs, alcoholism, incest, bereavement, homosexuality and the difficulties single people face in forming relationships.

Counsellors are expected to display genuineness, warmth and perception; their spokeswoman, Zella West-Meads, says "life experience" is also very important. Half the volunteers put forward by local branches fail at their selection conferences. The successful candidates attend six residential training courses at the council's centre in Rugby over a two-year period, supplemented by in-service training by their local council. In London, where the waiting list of those who want help now stands at 800, counsellors spend about 10 hours a week working for the MGC.

Emlyn-Jones, aged 42, decided to become a counsellor five years ago. "I read an article about counselling, explaining how unemployment had increased marital problems. Many couples put their relationship on automatic pilot. They go on and on, have a good row at Christmas, Easter and the summer holidays, then switch back to their routine. If the husband is suddenly at home all day, their problems can't be contained."

Like all counsellors, Emlyn-Jones gets a wide variety of clients, from university lecturers to workers from the Cowley car plant, from homosexual couples to deserted middle-aged housewives.



'My reward is when things get better. People may believe they are caught in a trap, but they have free will. There are happy endings'

Her basic belief is that "the quality of life is made by the emotions inside you, not money, possessions or status. I believe that feelings are the most important things in the world. It's people that matter."

"I have heard things that shock me," she says. "If something frightens me, I tell myself to panic at six o'clock, not now. I'm not there for me, I'm there for my clients." She has been taught the traditional MGC method of working towards a resolution of a

Marga Emlyn-Jones

problem, which one counsellor describes as the "bounceback technique" — you never give an answer to a question, you always bounce it back to find out more about how the client really feels. It can be a long and painstaking process, and counsellors are specifically trained to cope with their own feelings of stress, anxiety and inadequacy.

With two sons aged 15 and 13 to

consider as well as her job, Mrs Emlyn-Jones contends that listening to people's problems week after week provides welcome stimulus. "My reward is when they get better. People may believe they are caught in a trap, but they aren't. They have free will, and they do resolve their problems. That's the great, the marvellous thing. There are happy endings."

John Allen was unemployed when he became a counsellor 11 years ago. Now 49, he works as a stores supervisor for Unigate in

Bristol. "I get no satisfaction from my job at all. I get a wage from it. I get satisfaction from counselling, knowing I'm contributing something to society, making the world a little better. I get my kick because it makes me feel happy with myself."

Most of Allen's clients are working class, and many are unemployed. However, when he does see "upper-class" clients, he finds he has a high success rate: "I think it's because I can get them off the intellectual level and on to the emotional one." He is careful to point out that he keeps his own emotions firmly in check, but admits that he has wept in the counselling room. "Any normal, feeling person is affected by somebody else's genuine emotion."

His own marriage has lasted 27 years, and he has a son of 26 and two daughters of 21 and 14. "I see behaviour patterns in my own family, but I never try to counsel, though it can be quite tempting."

In 1974 the Marriage Guidance Council started training sex therapists; among them was Alf Twelfree, now 69 and a counsellor for 22 years. "I'd run into sexual problems many times when I was counselling and I was frustrated that I couldn't do much except help the couple live with it," Twelfree says. "In those days no one knew much about coping with the dysfunctions that we can treat now."

Twelfree lives in a small village outside Lyme Regis, has been

married 47 years, and retired from his job as an excise officer in Salisbury seven years ago. He should have retired from counselling when he reached 65 but is still going. "partly because they're short of men, and partly because of my sex therapy training". Even the most open-minded client might express some surprise at being counselled by someone from a generation for whom sex was kept behind closed doors. "I haven't noticed any particular shock at the sight of this ancient bloke turning up," he says with a grin. "But there is still an enormous amount of inhibition and ignorance where sex is concerned. Many people find talking about sex almost impossible. They have to be desperate to come for help. My job is to be aware of that and enable them to put the problem into words."

Twelfree says most problems arise from emotional immaturity and the inability to communicate. But he finds human nature "a constant source of amazement and wonder", which is fortunate, as he maintains that the job requires optimism about human nature. "You also have to be able to stand rejection and your own inadequacy. You have to be able to tolerate that, because you can't do everything for everybody."

Twelfree entered counselling all those years ago because, he says, "I've always wanted to be active in the community. I think it's a leftover of having survived the war. You feel it's a repayment for being alive."

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Celebrities have donated jewellery, paintings and glamorous designer dresses to an Aids auction tonight. Geraldine Norman previews some of the items

Fancy a hat for Ascot? How about Givenchy's sweeping re-creation of jungle foliage in black and beige, yours for the bidding (at an estimated £500-£700) at Christie's this evening. For high society is launching its own crusade against Aids with an unparalleled rush of celebrities to the sale room.

The Aids Crisis Trust has come into existence in four months, the brainchild of society hostess Mrs Mark Littman and Adrian Ward-Jackson, the smartest art dealer in London.

Under the patronage of Elizabeth Taylor, tonight's champagne reception for 800 — the tickets are already sold out at £25 a time — is the trust's launch party. Among the expected guests are Lady Elizabeth Anson, the Duchess of Devonshire, designers Jasper Conran and Rifat Ozbek, actors Simon Callow and Maggie Smith and other founder members. It will be attended by the Duchess of York and will be the most important charity auction Christie's has held.

Highlights of the sale are dresses contributed by leading fashion designers and paintings contributed by Britain's leading artists. Zandra Rhodes's red-headed and embroidered dress with a sur-

Art and stars against Aids



Mrs Littman in a hat donated by Givenchy. The Regency mirror, held by Adrian Ward-Jackson, is also for auction

realist flower-pot design is estimated at £3,000-£4,000; Hardy Amies's black lace strapless dress encrusted with diamonds, and the Emanuel's white organza "Southern Belle" ball gown are both estimated at £1,500-£2,000.

Fierce bidding can be expected for a green sleeveless "Delphos" style original Fortuny (£3,000-£4,000) given by Tina Chow.

Gilbert and George, the Turner Prize winners, have contributed a 1986 photopiece called "Grown Up" (£12,000-£14,000). Frank Auerbach has offered two pencil drawings of Primrose Hill (£800-£1,500 apiece), Kijaj a charcoal drawing (£1,000-£1,200), Howard Hodgkin a coloured aquatint (£1,500-£2,000) and Richard Long an important composition in River Avon mud

on paper (£1,000-£1,500).

The dresses will be modelled by celebrities holding their lot numbers while they mingle with the crowd, tip champagne and chatter. The models include Shirley Bassey, Susan George, Patricia Hodge, Sarah Brightman, Joanna Lumley and Maryam d'Abo, the new James Bond girl, as well as the former and present Mrs Jagers — Bianca Jagger and Jerry Hall.

Marie Helvin will be co-ordinating the fashion auction while her ex-husband, David Bailey, and Lord Snowdon will be taking photographs. They have each been allotted one of Christie's boardrooms where they will be offering portrait sittings at 10-minute intervals for £250 a time — a snip compared with their normal fees of £2,000 or so. Christie's will have four auctioneers linked by closed-circuit television to relay the bids.

The Hon Charles Allsopp, Christie's UK chairman — famed for his speed with the hammer — will be conducting the sale, while coloured slides of the items are projected on to a screen beside him and on to TV screens around the party. You can drink throughout.

Those who have not got into the party can still bid. Everything is on exhibition to the public at Christie's today from 9am to 4.45pm and you can leave a commission bid with the auctioneers. Maybe you'd like Sir Joshua Reynolds's easel (£300-£500) or Elizabeth Taylor's diamond initial "E" dress ring (£1,000-£1,500)?

Alternatively you can bid over the telephone, though Christie's are likely to check your bona fides before providing this service. It will give Australians a chance to bid for the Regency terrestrial library globe "dedicated to Sir Joseph Banks Bart., K.B., President of the Royal Society".

Banks, the famous naturalist, sailed with Captain Cook, discovered Botany Bay and is looked on as Australia's founding father. The globe is contributed by Adrian Ward-Jackson and estimated at £2,500-£3,500.

The Trust has already raised £1.3m for London Light-house, Britain's first Aids-care residential and day centre.

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Should posterity ever go through my filing cabinet — admittedly, an unlikely turn of events — it may well be surprised to discover that the paper work required to rent a television set amounted to more than that allowing me to get a divorce.

It is a sorry story that in the latter half of this century one can trade in one's spouse in the time it takes a solicitor to dictate a letter, whereas an involvement with consumer durables is a never-ending road of pain and despair.

After battling with the terms of the Consumer Credit Act 1974, I've realised I can do without divorce counselling. What I need is a support group that will stop Granada TV Rental being so beastly to me.

All I ever wanted out of Granada TV Rental was for them to change the hire agree-



PENNY PERRICK

ment from my former husband's name to mine. At first they refused to do this unless their representative could come to my flat and

personally supervise my signature. Since they do not start work until after I have departed for my office, and stop before I have come back home again, I had to persuade them to allow me to write my name on a form without their representative breathing down my neck to make sure I was the genuine article.

Several days passed before a bulky package of thin pink documents arrived, each sheet of paper divided into squares filled in with incomprehensible numbers. These had to be signed and witnessed by one other person, unless you lived in Scotland, in which case you needed two witnesses. This is a dreadful slur on the Scots, who, as far as I know, do not have a record of making off with rather ancient rented television sets.

I looked at all the numbered

squares until my eyes ached, but in none of them did it state the rental charge, my account number or who to get in touch with at Granada TV Rental to get this information. Further days passed before I could find out who to send a cheque to and I am still waiting for a standing-order form so that I can make regular payments like the good citizen I try so desperately to be.

As far as I am aware, attempted possession of domestic appliances does not figure on the insurance companies' lists of stressful events, such as the death of a loved one, divorce or moving house. I think if the insurance companies could hear the thudding of my heart every time I have to make contact with Granada TV Rental, they would be inclined to adjust their stress scales.



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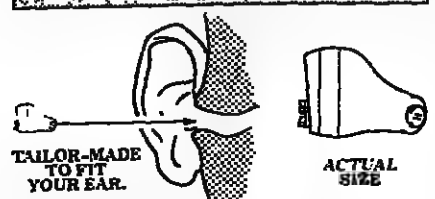
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Campaign sketch

Tough life for an old gentleman

His grubby old coat battered by the fierce Glasgow wind, the old gent stands hatless in the pouring rain. To the shoppers who emerge from the Presto supermarket in Byers Road, he can offer nothing more than an outstretched hand and a ready smile.

Within the dry, well-lit interior of Presto, a Harp Lager Bonanza is in full swing. Lyons mini pies are reduced to 39p and Presto Whole Orange Drink is just 49p. But these bargains are not for the old gent. The rain is his only roof, the kindness of strangers his only joy as he goes about his purpose. "Vair nice to meet you", he shouts after shoppers as they scuttle away from him, bags laden, backs to the wall of their heartsides.

"I hope I may have your support," he begs as they dash. "I hope I may have your support." He could tell them of better days, if only they'd listen. He could tell them of days of wine and without roses, of days when he was Chancellor of the Exchequer, president of the European Economic Community, leader of the Social Democratic Party — the lot. But they have no time to spare as they rush through the rain.

"Hello, I'm Roy Jenkins," he said to an old lady standing by the Presto bus stop. "Are you waiting for a bus?" Soliciting conversation from lonely old women! That it should come to this! It is as if Ralph McTell had never lived, as if the hearing and compassionate society were nothing but a forgotten dream. "Vair nice to have met you," he shouts after her as she hastens onto her bus.

The howling of the wind and the flashing of the rain may bite at his old brown coat, but nothing can batter his pride. His own silk handkerchief peeps out of his outer pocket. His black shoes, now flecked by the years, were once the very best that money could buy. He keeps his mind alert by approaching strangers and asking them where they live. If he can keep them talking, he surmises, they might not throw him out.

The Glaswegians of Hillhead are a friendly people. They tell the gent their addresses. "I know it, I know it," he replies, and then gives them full details of how to get there. They already know, of course, but there's no point in upsetting him.

Occasionally, he'll get the

old one who wants to take the discussion further, who won't stop at giving the gent his address and occupation, who frankly wants trouble. A man tells him that unemployment has always been with us. He tries to argue back, but the man won't stop. "You won't keep quiet for a moment," says the gent. The man continues, "Well, that's not the view I would take," says the gent. But still the man rants, "Vair nice to meet you anyway," says the gent, moving on.

Like many people in his situation, the gent really just wants someone who'll lend a friendly ear. He's not so good at listening himself, and why should he be? While an old woman goes on about the wee problem of the ugly awnings of the hairdresser's shop next door, his right hand strokes the bottom half of his face, as if signalling contemplation. As an Asian complains of roads that need repairing, the gent jiggles his left hand up and down, restless for a solution or, at the very least, an escape.

The bright lights of the Presto supermarket cruelly illuminate the puddles on the pavement. Gentleman Jenkins has been on this patch for five long years, and now they're threatening to move him on. It's not right, "I hate the dividedness in this country," a stranger told him. "You've put your finger on the core," he replies. He has to be grateful even for cores, these days.

Sometimes, you can see his mind wandering away from the problem at hand, away from the awnings and the bus stops and the road repairs to the days of long ago. Glaswegians, however cheery, are apt to come too close and poke him with their fingers while expounding on a paradox, and he is not used to such unguarded physicality. Like a member of the royal family, he releases himself by taking one step backwards, smiling, shaking his hands and saying, "Vair nice to meet you," his eyes already looking for a new friend.

Later in the day, he finds shelter in the Whiteinch Community Centre on Dumbar Road. There he parts with a dirty old ten pence piece for a ticket for the bottle stall. He examines a bottle of Bulgarian Red. Might it some day be his? Alas, his number does not come up. He retreats onto the streets of Glasgow, still managing a smile. It's a tough life, but a good one.

Craig Brown

Alliance Rochdale rally

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no angry exchanges with the press, just big Cyril to lead us in "a Lancashire lull", while we were waiting for the stars.

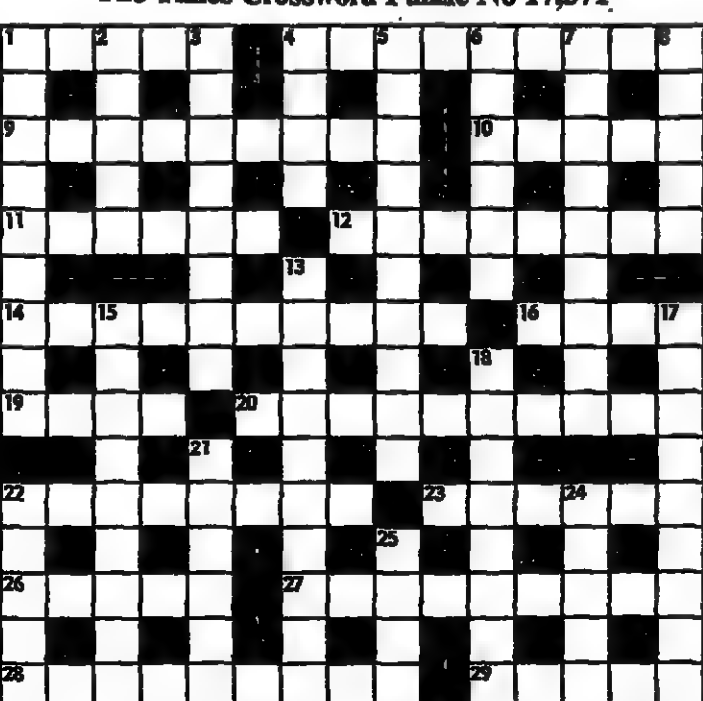
He urged the faithful to "tell what happened" when Labour was in power, to "tell what's happening with the lot that's in now". It was sunny. People sucked ice creams.

No wonder David Alton thought the message could do with a bit more passion, a bit more anger. But then he had

just come from the devastation of Liverpool. Shirley Williams was passionate enough — angry about people treating politics like soap opera, about photo opportunities staged for News at Ten. David Steel, smooth, assured and looking rather too Westminster for the outdoor party, spoke to us of insularity, of the European monetary system, of international finance.

But Cyril Smith for one, will deliver victory, with a majority as solid as his ample frame.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,371



ACROSS

- 1 Both page and nobleman can be a fine example (5).
- 4 What agents do about now (9).
- 9 Supporters maybe stand around this place (9).
- 10 Connection that's cutting deposit back (3-2).
- 11 Seeing that one's in agreement in Italy — in Umbria (6).
- 12 His utterances have to be recorded, he rules (8).
- 14 Appearing in a tunic — so awfully casual (10).
- 16 Water-colour (4).
- 19 A gentle but dull plodder (4).
- 20 Engineers forced to be reasonable (10).
- 22 Laid-out outfit, almost all obtained for a song (8).
- 23 The pig grabbing everything and looking sickly (6).
- 26 People caught by advancing years change for the better (5).
- 27 Many hit back in wise fashion to express contempt (9).
- 28 Sets tales circulating — quite undiscriminating (9).
- 29 Taking the measure (5).

DOWN

- 1 Laying about a team-leader for being conciliatory (9).
- 2 Grateful for some trees (5).
- 3 Making a flighty creature drive is a bloomer (8).
- 4 Telephone circuit (4).
- 5 Making paste, so in a mess, but enthusiastic (10).
- 6 Total possessions left in Oriental country (6).
- 7 Contemplates exercise, having a tired look (3-6).
- 8 Gradually reduce the light (5).
- 13 A back seat — though it doesn't seem so (4-6).
- 15 Pronounce on the head's good judgement (9).
- 17 Permanent income women tend to get organised (9).
- 18 Fall that may have a bad effect on the viewer (8).
- 21 Swindle involving a cleric in a row (6).
- 22 An average sort of shirt is indicated (5).
- 24 Withdraw permission (5).
- 25 The goddess of this island (4).

Concise Crossword, page 10

WEATHER

A weakening front will feature over northern districts at first with further fronts approaching the UK from the south. West. It will be a warm, dry day in regions south of a line from about The Wash to Cardigan Bay after the clearance of a few early morning mist or fog patches, with some good sunny spells, especially in the east. Later it will become overcast in the west with some outbreaks of rain by evening. Elsewhere temperatures will be around normal and, although there will be some sunshine it will be mostly cloudy with showers. Over North-eastern parts of Scotland some of the showers may be heavy with thunder.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fog; h, hail; s, sun; sh, shower; t, thunder.

Location	Temp	Wind	Cloud
Algeria	21	W 10	c
Amman	27	W 10	c
Algiers	27	W 10	c
Antwerp	15	W 10	c
Athens	22	W 10	c
Bahia	26	W 10	c
Bombay	28	W 10	c
Buenos Aires	21	W 10	c
Calcutta	28	W 10	c
Cairo	28	W 10	c
Canton	28	W 10	c
Cebu	28	W 10	c
Colon	28	W 10	c
Hankow	28	W 10	c
Hong Kong	28	W 10	c
Kobe	28	W 10	c
London	15	W 10	c
Lyons	15	W 10	c
Manila	28	W 10	c
Medan	28	W 10	c
Montevideo	21	W 10	c
Paris	15	W 10	c
Peking	28	W 10	c
Rangoon	28	W 10	c
San Francisco	15	W 10	c
Singapore	28	W 10	c
Sourabaya	28	W 10	c
Tientsin	28	W 10	c
Yokohama	28	W 10	c

AROUND BRITAIN

Location	Temp	Wind	Cloud
London	15	W 10	c
Edinburgh	15	W 10	c
Belfast	15	W 10	c
Cardiff	15	W 10	c
Exeter	15	W 10	c
Glasgow	15	W 10	c
Leeds	15	W 10	c
Liverpool	15	W 10	c
Manchester	15	W 10	c
Newcastle	15	W 10	c
Nottingham	15	W 10	c
Sheffield	15	W 10	c
Southampton	15	W 10	c
Stirling	15	W 10	c
Swansea	15	W 10	c
Torquay	15	W 10	c
Wolverhampton	15	W 10	c
Wrexham	15	W 10	c

HIGH TIDES

Location	Time	Height
London Bridge	5.25	5.31
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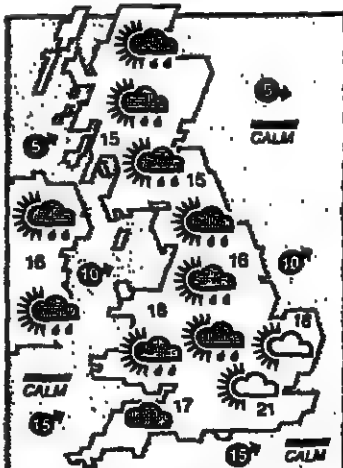
THE POUND

Location	Rate
Australia \$	2.38
Canada \$	2.38
Denmark kr	13.50
France F	6.55
Germany DM	3.36
Greece Dr	34.0
India Rs	47.5
Italy L	203.6
Japan Yen	163.6
Netherlands Gld	3.60
Portugal Esc	200
Spain Ptas	166.6
Sweden Kr	4.66
Switzerland Fr	2.20
USA \$	1.96
Yugoslavia D	23.6

AM



PM



YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; fog; h, hail; s, sun; sh, shower; t, thunder.

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 21C (70F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 14C (57F); humidity 6 pm, 47 per cent; Rain: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.2 in; Sun: 6 am to 6 pm, 6.7 hr; Bar: mean sea level, 6 pm, 1019 mbars; falling.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 18C (64F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 10C (50F); humidity 6 pm, 47 per cent; Rain: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.2 in; Sun: 6 am to 6 pm, 6.7 hr; Bar: mean sea level, 6 pm, 1019 mbars; falling.

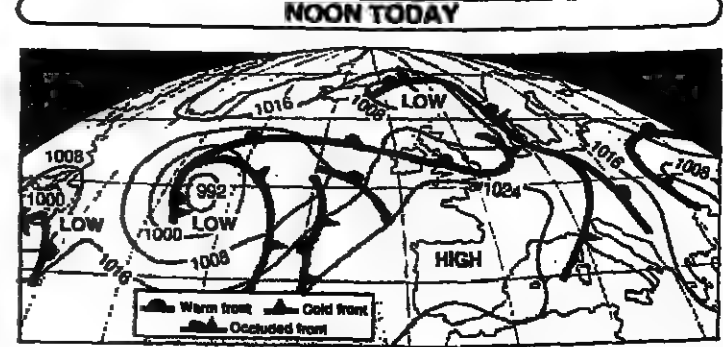
LIGHTING-UP TIME

London: 9.38 pm to 4.18 am
Edinburgh: 9.47 pm to 4.25 am
Manchester: 9.51 pm to 4.18 am
Penzance: 9.53 pm to 4.47 am

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Manchester, 18C (64F); Lowest day temp: London, 14C (57F); Highest rainfall: London, 0.2 in; Highest sunshine: Home Bay and Hayling Island, 9.2 hr.

NOON TODAY



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The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 17,370 will appear next Saturday

Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

(Change on week)
FT 30 Share
1712.1 (+25.4)
FT-SE 100
2203.0 (+35.5)
Bargains
53588 (43740)
USM (Datastream)
179.72 (same)

THE POUND

(Change on week)
US dollar
1.6285 (-0.0420)
W German mark
2.9671 (-0.0047)
Trade-weighted
72.7 (-0.6)Fed holds
the key
to dollar
stabilityFrom Maxwell Newton
New York

Investors in bonds had begun to realize by Friday morning that they may have "missed the boat". Both the 10-year note and the 30-year bond were above their issue prices.

Bonds were rising strongly as the conviction grew that the inflation hysteria of March and April had probably been overdone and had misled investors into unloading bonds prematurely. The strength of the dollar since May 1 has continued. By Friday, it was up by about 1½ per cent from the May 1 level against the pound and the mark and up about 2½ per cent against the Swiss franc and the yen.

The expected re-establishment of medium and long-term dollar positions by foreign investors seemingly began last week and has produced electric results in the bond market.

June T-bond futures, which had been as low as 88 in the middle of last month, had risen to 92 by Friday morning — a retracement of nearly 30 per cent of the loss from the March peak of 102.

The strength of the bond market was supported by evidence that the US economy was weakening substantially.

April's fall of 0.6 per cent in the index of leading indicators was the biggest monthly decline for two years. It was important in that it stemmed from a weakness in the average work week, consumer goods orders and building permits.

These are the sort of factors which are driving the economy into a recession — and, potentially, negative — growth in the second half of this year.

Also supporting bonds was the drop in the Commodity Research Bureau index of futures prices which had fallen to 225 by Thursday from the peak of 235 reached in the middle of the month. The strength of the dollar has also taken its toll of the gold price.

June gold, which was at a recent peak of nearly \$480, had fallen to \$451 by Friday, thus retreating about one-third of the rise between the end-February low and mid-May peak.

The weakness in the CRB index followed the unwinding of long commodity positions established at the height of the inflation hysteria. The stronger dollar has punctured that hysteria and, with it, the upsurge in the index.

Little is expected to emerge from the Group of Seven meeting in Venice. Earlier fears that the creditor nations would demand an issue of yen or mark-denominated bonds have been diminished by evidence of stability in the dollar.

There may still be some capitulation by the US to the anger of the three creditors — West Germany, Japan and Britain. However, the Americans can now argue with more confidence that the dollar's problems are not going to worsen and precipitate a global financial crisis.

The main concern is that the Federal Reserve, having managed, with the co-operation of the other central banks, to punish the dollar bears, will now abandon its high federal funds rate policy far too prematurely.

After Thursday's 6.80 per cent, funds fell to 6.63 per cent on Friday. Any weakening of resolve by the Fed at this crucial stage, when confidence in the dollar is being rebuilt, could lead to a renewed outbreak of inflation hysteria and a newly-destructive run on the dollar.

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Senior managers force high-level reshuffle after abortive takeover talks

Big shake-up
at Touche

By Lawrence Lever

Senior managers at Touche, Remnant have forced top-level board changes at the highly successful fund management group.

The changes follow the group's abortive takeover discussions with Metropolitan Life, the US insurance giant, which were called off in January.

Under the boardroom shake-up, Mr Peter Gray, the managing director, has agreed to accept the position of vice-chairman. His position is being taken by two senior Touche executives, Mr John Gittings and Sir William Vincent.

"The requirements of Touche, Remnant are such that we needed a different style of leadership to that we have had over the past three years," Lord Remnant, the chairman, said yesterday.

He described the changes as "positive management". The new managing directors had been chosen to groom the

company for its anticipated stock market flotation, probably in four or five years' time.

Their job will be "to maximize the interest of the proprietors of Touche, Remnant as it moves up to a stock market flotation," Lord Remnant said.

Management discontent and power politics have been simmering at Touche for several months. Fund managers have been critical of the way in which negotiations with Metropolitan Life were handled. "They took far too long to get down to basics like how much money was on the table," one manager said.

Some of the fund managers were acutely conscious of what they considered a lack of aggressive leadership from the top at Touche, and have been concerned at the power struggle among senior Touche executives.

Mr Gray is credited with building up a very strong, competent fund management

team at Touche. He appears to have fallen victim to some of those whom he recruited.

Much of the discontent focused upon his role within Touche. The senior management wanted a change and made representations to Lord Remnant.

Mr Gray's position was discussed at a recent meeting of the chairman's committee — and subsequently at a full board meeting of the holding company.

He has accepted the vice-chairman's position. Lord Remnant said that the position would involve liaison with the investment trusts that own Touche, and with the group's advisers, as well as representing Touche to the investment trust industry and regulatory bodies.

Sir William Vincent joined Touche from the Save & Prosper financial services group, while Mr Gittings is widely respected for his marketing skills.



Boardroom changes: (clockwise from top) Lord Remnant, Peter Gray, John Gittings and Sir William Vincent

New N Sea platform
suffers severe damage

By Our Energy Correspondent

One of the newest offshore platforms in the British sector of the North Sea may have to be cut from the sea-bed by explosive charges and returned for huge repairs to the yard in Scotland where it was built.

Engineers at Conoco, who are developing the group of gas fields known as the V Fields off the Lincolnshire coast, are inspecting a recently-installed platform jacket — the massive framework of steel that sits on the sea-bed and supports accommodation modules.

The company, which took a technological lead in world offshore development with its tension-leg platform in the deep waters of the North Sea near the Shetlands, said: "During piling work, severe vibrations, the cause of which is still being investigated, caused damage to the jacket."

We are now reviewing how repairs can be carried out.

"However, it will not delay the production of gas from the fields, which is due to start in the autumn of 1988."

It is understood the jacket — one of five in the cluster of gas fields and which will be used to provide the sleeping and recreation accommodation for the 125 men who will work in the fields — was being piled into the sea-bed when the pile-driving equipment broke down.

A substitute pile-driver proved to be too powerful for the piles needed — the jacket is a comparatively small structure standing in about 50 ft of water — and excess vibration shook off 32 of the 34 sacrificial zinc anodes which are installed on the platform legs just above the sea-bed. The anodes act like elements in a battery and attract corrosive

forces, leaving the main structure unharmed.

A barge, which brought one of the other four production jackets from the McDermott yard at Ardersier near Inverness where they were built, is standing by in the V Fields and could take the jacket back to Inverness.

It is also possible that repairs could be carried out on board the barge with the jacket then being repositioned on the sea-bed but insurance surveyors are expected to demand that it be returned to the construction yard so that full X-ray and ultra-sonic tests can be carried out.

Conoco and Britoil, its largest partner in the project, have calculated that even if the jacket has to be scrapped and sunk in deep water and a completely new one built, there should be no delay in bringing the fields on stream.

Producers
face skill
shortages

By David Young

British manufacturers are now receiving orders faster than they have done for more than a decade, according to the last monthly survey by the Confederation of British Industry before the election.

But the regional details of the CBI's industrial survey published today show that a shortage of skilled workers — not only in the South as has previously been reported — is affecting some companies in their attempts to increase output.

In the South-east and South-west the survey says: "Construction is leading the boom. Of the major projects currently under way, many will continue well into the 1990s."

"The increased level of activity within the construction industry will undoubtedly have a significant effect on wage expectations. The increased demand for labour has already shown up skill shortages."

In the East Midlands, the survey says that, although there are still pockets with redundancies, the real emphasis is on recruitment and, despite improved training, the recruitment of suitably skilled people is a continuing problem for most companies.

In Wales, says the survey, the period of large-scale redundancies appears to be over and in the North the trend towards part-time jobs and short-term contracts is continuing.

In the North-west there is a shortage of project managers, engineers and operators in computer-related industries. In Yorkshire and Humberside the number of companies now recruiting matches those who are planning redundancies.

In Northern Ireland a shortage of skilled marketing people has been reported and there is a shortage of skilled workers for the textile industry. In Scotland employment prospects have stabilized following a reduction in the number of oil-related jobs.

Progress in talks
on Tokyo access

By Colin Narbrough

Encouraging results emerged from weekend talks on greater access for British firms to the Tokyo Stock Exchange, but a political decision must be taken this week on whether they are adequate to prevent Britain imposing sanctions.

Britain threatened retaliation against Japanese financial institutions in the City unless it received a "positive response" from Tokyo by the time of Saturday's talks in London between senior Japanese and British officials on financial regulations.

Sir Geoffrey Littler, Permanent Secretary to the Treasury, who headed the British side, will today report on the outcome to Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the cabinet minister responsible for the financial services industry.

In the now-unlikely event of Britain opting for sanctions over the TSE's slowness to open its floor to more British members, it would be Mr Channon who would have to authorize them.

With the Venice economic summit only a week away, any new sanctions against Japan would also have to be seen in a wider diplomatic context and probably require Mrs Thatcher's blessing.

Mr Michael Howard, Minister for Corporate and Consumer Affairs, said yesterday that preliminary reports from Saturday's meeting seemed "encouraging".

He declined to give details of what was agreed, saying a full report would be put to Mr Channon and himself for final assessment before any decisions were made about the British response.

An announcement is expected by midweek, and all indications are that the Japanese have managed to satisfy the Government's demands.

The TSE earlier gave Mr Howard pledges that it would bring forward talks on new members to November this year, and give access to those members from next May.

An exceptionally brief Treasury statement said Saturday's talks had been "good and constructive".

Discussions were apparently not confined to the politically most important issue of TSE membership, but ranged over the question of reciprocity in other financial markets.

Japanese securities licences for British banks figured high on the agenda, as did investment management licences, an issue on which Japan disarmed British criticism last week by announcing the award of 10 new licences to British firms.

Concern
in US at
takeover
defencesFrom Bailey Morris
Washington

The decisions of two companies to fight off unwanted buyers through an increasingly popular device known as the "leveraged recap" has raised strong concerns over their future competitiveness, financial analysts said.

Harcourt Brace Jovanovich successfully proposed a \$3 billion (£1.9 billion) recapitalization to fend off Mr Robert Maxwell. And Allgas Corporation stunned the financial community on Thursday by proposing a \$3.5 billion plan to protect itself from unwanted takeovers.

But analysts said their struggles to remain independent may harm both companies, because the huge debts they planned to accumulate could become a severe drag on their ability to compete.

The situation is particularly uncertain for Allgas Corporation — parent company of United Airlines, the Hertz rental car company, the Westin hotel chain and other travel industry properties.

It was unclear whether the decision to act as its own "white knight" by offering shareholders a big bonus to stay on board, would force Allgas to cut back on expansion plans for subsidiary companies. The board has decided to pay shareholders a huge dividend of \$60 a share in cash, while allowing them to retain the shares.

In taking decisions to recapitalize, companies in effect decide to substitute a large portion of the equity on their books with debt. This tends to discourage corporate raiders, who are no longer able to borrow against the assets to finance the unwanted takeovers.

Market reaction to the new wave of recapitalizations, which has also included Caesars World, Holiday Corporation and Owens-Corning, has been favourable. Share prices have gone up dramatically.

This has encouraged managements to turn to recapitalizations as an alternative to leveraged buyouts, which have been criticized for creating conflicts of interest within companies. But even though the leveraged recaps have the strong advantage of keeping a company's shares "out of play", there are also disadvantages.

Companies that choose the leveraged recap face greater financial risk, shareholders are often bound by restrictive covenants, and some attorneys fear the large bonuses paid to shareholders may be subject to legal challenges, on the grounds that they strip companies of their assets.

Ennex plans a £10m dig to
bring up Ireland's first gold

By Colin Campbell

Gold in Northern Ireland is no Irish joke. Ennex International, the USM natural resource company with mining interests in Australia and North America and oil and gas interests in the US and Canada, is working on its 310-square mile licence area in the Sperrin Mountains, Northern Ireland, with the object of producing its first bar of gold by late 1988.

The group is finalizing plans with Sheppards, the broker, to raise a minimum £10 million via a share placing, with rights to ordinary shareholders to fund its Curraghinalt prospect and other exploration ventures.

Production will probably be 100,000 tonnes of ore per year at about 0.3 ounces of gold per tonne, implying an annual gold output of 30,000 ounces. Ennex's annual gold production, adding other in-

terests, would reach the 50,000 ounces a year level.

Capital cost of bringing the Sperrin site to production is estimated at \$10 million.

The prospective break-even gold price for the Northern Ireland operation has yet to be finalized but it is thought to be below \$350 an ounce. The venture, at today's world gold prices, thus appears to be quite economic. If successfully brought to production, the Curraghinalt prospect would be the first gold mine in Ireland.

First diggings are expected to start in July.

Only alluvial traces of gold have been found so far in Irish mines.

RTZ, the mining conglomerate, was previously interested in the Sperrin Mountains deposit, now 100 per cent owned by Ennex. Explosives will not be used

in the mining operation because of the political and security problems and Ennex will use mechanical rock-breaking equipment instead of the drill-and-blast system.

A full mining decision would mean employment for up to 100 people in an area where unemployment has been touching the 30 per cent level.

Ennex's other mining interests in the area include a potential open-pit operation, five miles from Curraghinalt, which geologists view with some excitement and where an outcrop with gold-silver mineralization is being sampled.

The group is also exploring for gold in Scotland.

Details of the £10 million fund-raising — which may swell to nearly £15 million — in the London and Dublin markets are expected shortly.

Links forged with brokers in two new ventures

Societies build share service

By Peter Gardland
Family Money Editor

Share dealing for private investors takes a significant step forward today with the start of two link-ups between building societies and stockbrokers.

The larger of the two ventures is a deal whereby 800,000 customers of the Bristol and West Building Society can obtain investment advice and dealing services from Laing & Cruickshank, the stockbroker. People who are not Bristol and West customers can also use the service, but the society obviously hopes they will become customers.

From today, 13 Bristol and West branches, including Manchester, Guildford and Southampton, will be equipped with an investment freephone.

Individuals can use this service to call a Laing representative in London. Share buying and selling transactions will be charged at 1.65 per cent on bargains up to £7,000 with a lower commission rate on bigger bargains. Charges are subject to a minimum commission of £15, which is likely to rise later this year, but there is no minimum size of transaction.

There is no charge for the telephone investment advice and clients will be able to make purchases using money from a Bristol and West account on

which they will earn interest up to the date of settlement.

There are plans to link another 17 Bristol and West branches to the system by August and to split Laing's London advice centre for the link-up between Bristol and Worcester.

Eventually Bristol and West hopes to extend the service to more of its 170 branches.

On a smaller scale, the Norwich and Peterborough Building Society today begins a share dealing service through all its 62 branches, mainly in East Anglia. The society is teaming up with two Norwich stockbrokers, Barratt & Cooke, and Waters Lunniss.

Transaction charges on bargains up to £7,000 are slightly lower than for the Bristol and West scheme, but there will be no advice on buying and selling shares.

Both ventures represent a ground swell of activity among building societies anxious to diversify, and stockbrokers, many of whom have yet to solve the problem of providing retail services at a price which is both acceptable to consumers and worthwhile for themselves.

The brokers' dilemma was highlighted last March when Kleinwort Grieson

abruptly halted its no-frills share dealing service, Share Call, complaining of impossible strain on its administration. Mr Peter Saunders of Kleinwort said at the weekend he saw no prospect of Share Call being revived before next year.

In the meantime, Hoare Govett has attracted many of Kleinwort's former clients and increased the number of customers for its no-frills service, Dealer Call, from 13,000 to 19,000 in the last three months.

Dealer Call is also available to customers in 50 Anglia Building Society branches. The Anglia is soon to merge with the Nationwide, some of whose branches may also offer Dealer Call. However, according to Mr Bob Moffat, the Nationwide's assistant general manager, "This scheme hasn't set the world alight."

Quilter Goodison, the broker, and the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society are also working closely on a share dealing link-up.

The service currently specializes in the sale of Rolls-Royce shares, but Quilter is keen to increase its high street presence after the termination of its arrangement with the Burton Group earlier this year to have Quilter money centres sited in Debenhams stores.

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ANALYSIS

Forward-looking WHSmith seeks a fresh burst of growth

The WH Smith book-stall has preserved its position as a much-loved feature of the British literary scene for more than 150 years. Pandering primarily to the general reader and, making a point of being "first with the news", the business that started out in 1792 as a news vendor in Little Grosvenor Street, London, has come a long way.

Even so, a description of a bookstall in 1888 by the novelist, Henry James, has a familiar ring to it: "It is a focus of warmth and light in the vast smoky cavern; it gives the idea that literature is a thing of splendour, of a dazzling essence, of infinite gas-lit red and gold. A glamour hangs over the glittering booth, and a tantalizing air of clever new things," he wrote.

WH Smith still provides this combination of tradition mixed with an element of innovation. Although there is scope to enhance the retail chain and improve the profitability of the wholesaling operation, the group has branched out in recent years. It is looking for a fresh burst of growth from a handful of younger businesses.

There is industrial logic behind the move into other faster-growing, leisure-related areas such as the specialist retailing of books, stationery and records, travel agencies, satellite broadcasting, do-it-yourself superstores and specialist retailing in North America.

However, a series of minor setbacks in the initial stages of the drive into new markets has led to WH Smith earning the reputation for being accident-prone.

When coupled with the establishment style of the top management team, this has conspired to leave City analysts with the impression that the WH Smith approach is rather too "laid back" to justify a premium rating for the shares.

The chairman, Mr Simon Hornby, has an idiosyncratic style developed during an education taking him through Eton, Oxford and the Guards, and on to Harvard Business School. He is also chairman of the Design Council and the gardening correspondent of *Tatler*.

Not long ago, Mr Hornby's credentials would have given him a natural empathy with the gentlemen of the Square Mile, but the present fashion to prefer businessmen who look more at home on the

shop floor has confused the pundits.

Indeed, Mr Hornby says, self-effacingly, of the modest rating of the shares: "Well, it's because of me."

But the facts make it clear that this image is undeserved, and that a book should not be judged by its cover. A glance at the record demonstrates the effectiveness of the Hornby approach. WH Smith has not in the past courted the City's favour, but in recent months has adopted a more direct approach to investor liaison.

It remains the company's philosophy that running the business is all-important, but visits have been arranged to parts of the group previously shielded from the investment community.

The London wholesaling operation and a refurbished store in Southampton have been subjected to analysts' gazes, while the new team at the US subsidiary, Elson, and the Do It All DIY chain are due for similar treatment. While briefing the City about the range of the WH Smith empire, these trips demonstrate the breadth of operational management.

The fight of featuring as a possible takeover target last year cannot be wholly dissociated from this less introspective stance, although, ironically, concrete evidence of a stake being accumulated was never substantiated.

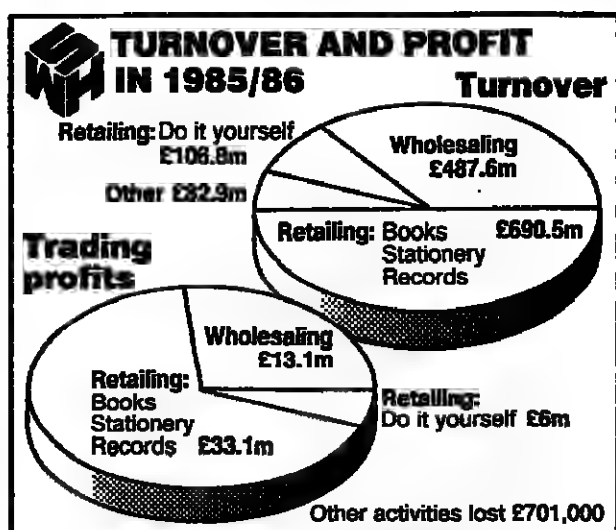
Indeed there are manifest attractions for a predator in the coherent, well-spread portfolio of businesses such as that built up by WH Smith.

Within the high street retail chain alone, the group has a predominant position in the British book market. Its market share is about 17 per cent and should increase as 180,000 sq ft of space will be added over three years.

Specialist booksellers under the Sherratt and Hughes name currently have 40 outlets, but plan to increase this to 100 over five years, bringing another 5 per cent of the book market. The next biggest players in this field have market shares of less than 4 per cent each. More aggressive marketing of books by publishers and retailers together is increasing overall demand.

The market for newspapers, magazines and periodicals is growing at about 6 per cent. But WH Smith's business is expanding at closer to 10 per cent.

In the next five years, more than 90 per cent of the high



Patience will pay off for investors

WH Smith closed its 1986-87 financial year last weekend so analysts have been fine-tuning their estimates.

Most are grouped around a pretax profit before property sales of £60 million (20.9p of earnings per share). If this is followed by pretax profits of £72 million in 1987-88, the price earnings ratio falls to match the market average multiple.

This is absurdly low for a company that has managed an historic compound earnings

per share and pretax profits growth of 23 per cent and 24 per cent respectively between 1982-83 and 1985-86.

The investment community, however, has a long memory and although there is a gradual realization that with this record WH Smith cannot be all dull, a sharp re-rating is unlikely.

In the meantime, patient investors will not go wrong by putting away a few shares at today's modest levels and watching them appreciate.

street outlets should be refurbished along the lines of the recently opened Southampton prototype. The aim is to create a greater feeling of identity between the distinct departments, to reflect the broadening range of the group's products as well as to provide a change to a more sophisticated and stylish image.

Some of the refurbishments will alter the allocation of space and will, for example, involve relocation of some travel agents to free-standing sites.

The only cloud on the horizon is the threat of value added tax on printed matter, to bring Britain in line with the EEC. A rate of 5 per cent may be imposed next spring at the earliest. In trading terms WH Smith is reasonably relaxed about this, but it could cause some share price uncertainty.

Paperchase, the specialist stationery retailer, has considerable promise. It will certainly be expanded in Britain,

while the US could provide an exciting new market.

The wholesale newspaper, periodical and magazine business is dominated by three main operators, WH Smith, John Menzies and Surridge Dawson, controlling more than 60 per cent of the market between them. The rest of the field is scattered among 400 individual operators.

Even this business has taken advantage of the disruption caused by the move of Mr Rupert Murdoch's News International operation to Wapping. Although there was a temporary profit shortfall while the industry was regrouping, the opportunity was taken by WH Smith to streamline parts of its London operation, which represents less than 5 per cent of the group's business.

Improved data collection systems throughout the group are enabling WH Smith to channel demand effectively. Based on the location of the outlet and demographics of the area, it is possible to

anticipate the likely demand for a particular product. By providing this type of information to independent newsagents, the group believes it will increase market share. Rising cover prices are also good news as much of the increase flows straight through to the bottom line.

Of the North American retail activities, most attention is focused on Elson, bought last year for \$65 million (£40 million). It comprises a chain of specialist gift and newsgroup outlets located primarily in hotels.

The initial reports of trading at Elson were disappointing, as its management had been temporarily distracted by the takeover by WH Smith. However, the situation has improved after an injection of new management to strengthen the existing team.

Prospects for the Elson business are now good. There is little competition in the marketplace, which brings with it a captive audience. WH Smith plans to expand at a fair rate, as many hotel chains are keen to grant concessions as long as the required level of service is provided.

Activities encompassing the broader spectrum of the leisure market are beginning to show their true worth. The purchase of Our Price, the specialist record retailer, gives the group a 23 per cent share of the market. Recent management changes at Our Price are in line with the strategy envisaged at the time of the takeover.

Do It All is continuing to benefit from the seemingly unquenchable demand for home improvement products. The total number of outlets will rise to more than 110 this year.

Electronic point of sale systems are being introduced in Do It All superstores, as they have been in other parts of the group, with similar financial and stock control benefits.

Looking ahead, WH Smith is keeping its options open by investing in television and cable services, seeing these as the leisure markets of the future.

Indeed, although still embryonic in form, developments of this nature typify the forward-looking strategic planning that now characterizes WH Smith's business.

Alexandra Jackson

COMMENT

The new jobs Britain is too poor to create

The debate over employment is different in this election. The idea that continuing high unemployment is caused by a general shortage of spending power to buy the output of industry has disappeared. Admittedly, the job creation policies of opposition parties would in part be met by borrowing — the fiscal element in stimulating demand — but this is largely residual finance to avoid too damaging a rise in taxation. In essence, there is a surprising consensus in the policies.

All would usefully mop up part of the labour force in training. All envisage a big role for new enterprises in creating jobs. Opposition parties would gamble at redeploying public spending from unemployment to publicly-funded jobs in construction, health and other public services. The Tory hope that lower taxes will stimulate employment in private services differs more in ideology than substance.

None of the parties can quite bring themselves to admit that the British economy is too poor to generate enough of the ancillary jobs that an advanced economy needs to replace low-wage, labour-intensive manufacturing lost to newer developing countries. That is the key difference between Britain and the United States, where tax cuts translated into jobs, or Japan, where high private spending on services has maintained full employment until the latest yen shock.

Britain's low productivity provides the explanation. This is well demonstrated in a study of labour costs in manufacturing in the latest *National Institute Economic Review*.

It calculates that hourly labour costs — wages plus employers' social security charges — are lower in Britain than in any other mature industrial economy except Ireland; much lower than Italy or Finland as well as Germany, the United States or Japan. But low wages are more than matched by low British productivity. Hourly output is 2.5 times higher in the United States, twice as high in Holland and 55 per cent higher in Italy. This is by no means a new finding. Indeed, the gap has narrowed significantly against most other countries since 1980. But a sizeable proportion of that gain has thus far been achieved by shedding labour and contracting-out services.

Cost calculations are highly sensitive to exchange rates. But the picture of Britain as a country of extremely low productivity and almost equally low wages is clear.

Manufacturing is not the whole picture. Productivity in oil and the City's international financial services is high, one vital reason for low unemployment in the South-east commuter belts and, until recently, the oil province of Scotland.

Indeed, low wages, the inevitable

consequence of low productivity, must be the starting point for analysing unemployment. This restricts the scope for people pricing themselves back into jobs. Breaking down artificially high negotiated wages helps groups such as school-leavers to find work. But low productivity cuts the number of jobs available at a living wage.

Low incomes among workers employed in manufacturing restrict the growth of ancillary services, whether in hairdressing, construction or, ultimately, publicly-funded services. The shoeshine man charging £2 a time can earn a good living in central Tokyo, but not in Birmingham.

There is a two-way link between poverty and unemployment. Much stress is rightly laid on the poverty brought by unemployment, too little on the unemployment brought by relative poverty.

This can be seen in the pattern of unemployment around the country as well as in the problems of the nation as a whole. Unemployment is generally highest where incomes are determined by the low productivity of wealth-creating industries. This even applies in the generally prosperous London area. Unemployment averages 10 per cent, but there is little in the prosperous boroughs, where commuters spend the high pay they earn in the City or West End. It is concentrated in old industrial areas, where jobs have been lost, but also in poor immigrant areas where the population earns little from outside.

Likewise, unemployment in Merseyside is far higher than would be accounted for by factory closures. There is, more generally, insufficient income to generate new ancillary service jobs. Each region, each locality, needs to generate its own high incomes by selling goods (or services such as finance or top universities) to the outside world. That pays for new local jobs. As experience with North Sea oil has shown, the creation of national wealth other than in pay packets is a poor substitute.

The parties' regional policies, by putting emphasis on development boards or corporations, are beginning to come to grips with this. But the obvious connection still seems anathema to left-wing councils which have been hostile to development of London docklands and the London terminal for Euro-tunnel traffic, or which more generally prefer jobs serving the local community to those selling goods and services to the outside world. And the Government still relies on wealth-creation to stimulate services on a national scale. For most of the country, however, curing unemployment depends on industries with much higher productivity generating high pay packets locally.

Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor

Labour 'will hit Mr Average'

By David Smith

The tax and social security proposals of the three leading political parties will produce markedly different effects on individuals, says a study carried out by the Institute for Fiscal Studies.

The results of the study are potentially embarrassing for Labour and show that the Conservatives would help the rich most.

The study says the Conservatives' proposals — defined as a further 2p cut in the basic tax rate and the enact-

ment of the Fowler social security reforms — will have most benefit for the rich.

Labour's policies, which include the reversal of the last income tax cut and higher taxes on the rich, will help lower income groups most and hit the rich. But its proposals will also make people on average incomes worse off, the IFS says.

The Alliance proposals are more generous to the lower-paid than those of Labour and this is achieved without hitting the rich as hard.

The average gains are greater under Conservative proposals, principally because of the aim of pushing for another cut in income tax to 25p. The IFS says this will make the average family better off by £2 a week.

The gains, however, to those on the lowest incomes are "very minor".

The Alliance, with no further tax cuts but extra pensions and child benefit, would give the average family an extra £1 a week. Its proposals produce gains of £2.50 a week for the lowest incomes.

Labour, because of its plan to reverse the last income tax cut, would make an average family 25p a week worse off in 1988-89.

The poorest would benefit by an average of about £2 a week.

An income earner on £400 a week could expect to lose £20 a week under Labour's proposals, which are assumed to include the restriction of tax reliefs to the basic rate and the re-introduction of the investment income surcharge at the same real level as in 1978-79.

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Counting heads at Harvard

Officials from the Stock Exchange spent more than two hours last Tuesday morning combing the plush new South-west Street offices of the licensed dealer Harvard Securities. The inspectors carrying out the investigation, as part of Harvard's application to become a member of the Stock Exchange, were studying Harvard's business methods. They were escorted around the building by Harvard boss Tom Wilmot, whose own elegant office is said to be almost the size of a football pitch. All staff had leave cancelled at the last minute, so they could be seen at their desks and explain their work to the visitors. The "all leave cancelled" order was somewhat ironic since Harvard is clearly having problems keeping its staff. Within the past month, Wilmot has lost his head pit dealer, chauffeur, secretary and receptionist. And now I hear the manager of his junior dealing floor, Dave Watson, and training manager, Jackson Ellis, have also disappeared. Meanwhile, father-of-two Wilmot, who lives in splendour with his wife Elaine in the exclusive Kent stockbroker village of Shipbourne, in an eight-bedroom wooden 1930s house — the youngest listed building in Britain — has still managed to find time to become involved in new business ventures. He has, I'm told, formed a property company with his one-time secretary Sarah Warrick.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Cheques and balances

If you are on the receiving end of a cheque from the Leeds Permanent Building Society over the next few weeks — be on your guard. Some 250 blank but signed cheques have been stolen while in the post between the society's Leeds head office and its High Wycombe branch. One of the stray cheques has already been used in an attempt to buy a \$6,800 car. The society has

cancelled the stolen cheques with Lloyds Bank and says they are instantly recognisable because they bear only the signature of the chief general manager Peter Henningway — whereas bona fide cheques would normally also bear the signature of a branch manager. They are all drawn on Lloyds Bank account number 0206273 and are in the number range 523851 to 524100.

Orange Coe

Champion runner Sebastian Coe will soon be appearing in shorts and vest emblazoned with the Sunzest logo — the citrus fruit division of tele-

visions-to-cardboard box group Polly Peck. The company is sponsoring Coe's north London club, Haringey Athletic Club, to the tune of £50,000 over the next two years. Haringey, Britain's premier amateur athletic club, has more than 850 members and is the UK's representative at the European Championships in Milan next week.

Phone poll

In a brief break from their dealing screens, two institutional salesmen from stockbroker Panmure Gordon have conducted a telephone election poll among a selection of contacts and friends, in all corners of the country. Their findings give the Conservatives a 30 per cent lead over Labour. The Tories got 50 per cent of the vote, Labour 20 per cent and the Alliance 10 per cent — but a surprising 20 per cent were "don't knows".

Burning issue

Several City feathers were ruffled by Mori poll chief Bob Worcester's allegations in *The Times City Diary* last week that the institutions within the Square Mile were a "cosy cartel" and offered poor value for money — with flotations costing as much as 27 per cent of the amount of money raised. Tom Brockbank, director of the merchant bank Hill Samuel, has now retaliated on the City's behalf, via a debate with Worcester on the BBC Radio Scotland programme *Taking Issue*. "That figure of 27 per cent is like comparing apples with pears," he said. "It includes issue costs plus the price rise over the first three months — to give some indication of the discount." To counter Worcester he cited the USM flotation of Gabicci, where costs to raise £1 million were £150,000, or 15 per cent, and Savage, where costs came to just 9 per cent. He also claimed that merchant banks discounted new issues less heavily than stockbrokers. "We aim to discount by between 5 and 10 per cent while brokers, who have to protect their institutional clients, aim for as much as 20 per cent," he said.

The authenticated cane and shoes of comedian Charlie Chaplin are to be auctioned by his cousin Betty Tetrick, whose husband Ted was art director on several of Chaplin's films, including *The Great Dictator*. The sale is expected to raise more than \$75,000 (£45,000) at Sotheby's in London.

Carol Leonard



A 5-1 winner and I still haven't won enough to pay for the damned call!

BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY - Interims: Carlton Communications, Mecca Leisure Group (expected tomorrow). **Finals:** Airflow Streamlines, Thomas Borthwick & Sons, English & International Trust, FKB Group, IBL, Powell Duffryn, Sheraton Securities International, Valor.

TOMORROW - Interims: Hanson Trust (amended), Sturge Holdings, **Finals:** Cape Industries, CML Microsystems, Coalite Group, De La Rue, El Oro Mining & Exploration, The Exploration Company, Godwin Warren Control Systems, Monks & Crane, Norcross, Physu, Sande, Skelchley, Storehouse.

WEDNESDAY - Interims: Body Shop International, Fleming American Investment Trust, MEPC, **Finals:** Dunhill Holdings, GT Man-

agement, Highland Participations, Hunter Saghir, Reed International, Rolfe & Nolan Computer Services. **THURSDAY** - Interims: Anglia Secure Homes, Beatrix Mines, Buffelsfontein Gold Mining, Charles Church Developments, Dwyer & Co, Electrocomponents, Grootvlei Proprietary Mines, Lompho, Marieval Consolidated Mines, Miss Sam Holdings, St Helena Gold Mines, Schroder Global Trust, Stillfontein Gold Mining, West Rand Consolidated Mines, **Finals:** Hillier Ergonom, Hill Samuel Group, Imry International, Jarvis Porter Group, Northern Securities Trust, Phoenix Timber Group.

FRIDAY - Interims: Heavtree Brewery, **Finals:** Delmar Group, GT Global Recovery Investment Trust, William Morris Fine Arts.

COMPANY NEWS

BAT INDUSTRIES: The board has every reason to expect further growth in profit overall in 1987, when measured in local currency terms, the annual meeting was told. The company expects to be able to maintain its record of dividend growth substantially ahead of the rate of inflation.

JOHN MOWLEM: The group's prospects for 1987 are good and trading and workload are both encouraging, the annual meeting was told.

RADIO CLYDE: Interim dividend 1.5p (1.25p), payable on July 10, for the six months to March 31. With figures in 2000: Turnover 2,725 (2,470), Pretax profit 443 (314). Earnings per share 5.00p (3.43p). Trading since March 31 has continued to be buoyant, the board reports.

MORE OFFERALL: The annual meeting was told that, in Britain, the company experienced a quieter trading position in the first quarter. But this has been balanced by a much improved second quarter.

Telecom chief joins board of Dalgety

Dalgety: Mr Graeme Odgers becomes a director. He is deputy chairman of British Telecom.

National Westminster Bank: Mr Ron Beattie becomes a director. City and West End regional board.

Butcher, Robinson & Sta-

ple: Mr Michael Jones joins the board.

Barclays Mercantile Aircraft Finance: Mr Anthony Bicknell and Mr Paul Turner become senior vice-presidents. Mr Julian Cox becomes vice-president.

Miller & Company: Mr William McCauley is made production director.

F & C European Fund: Mr Hans Thykier and Mr Stephen White join the board.

Richard Short has been appointed financial director and Mr Sam Gaskes building director.

Thistle Hotels: Mr William Bailey becomes sales and marketing director.

Streets Financial Strategy: Miss Charlotte Rabeana joins the board.

THIRD MARKET

Capitalization	Company	Price on Friday	Weekly Change
12 03365m	Abelsco Group	450	+60
4 688975m	Abelco Am Petrol	311	+10
3 917160m	Abelco Insurance	124	+10
5 845675m	Camelot Casinos	73	+2
75 86562m	Carton Beach	87	+2
5 755178m	Edinburgh Inv	220	+3
17 01000m	Egmont O Ireland	30	+2
1 42461m	Do Warrants	20	+2
4 070915m	Publising Holdings	40	+10
6 676730m	Theme Holdings	46	+4
4 961250m	Una Group	122	+3

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES			
Market rates day's range	Minimum rates May 29	1 month	3 months
New York 1.5250-1.5250	1.5250-1.5250	0.25-0.25penn	0.57-0.57penn
London 1.5250-1.5250	1.5250-1.5250	0.15-0.15penn	0.33-0.33penn
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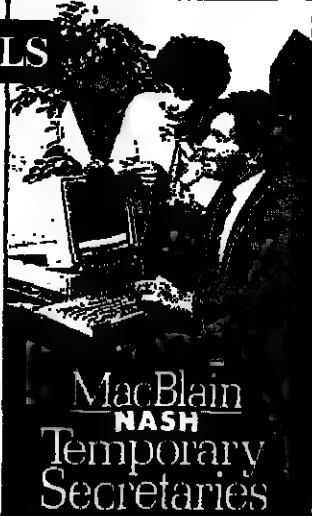
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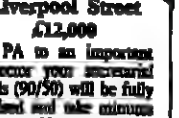
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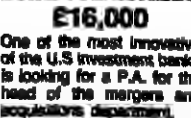
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Principles restraining foreign and domestic actions are different

**Société Nationale Industrielle
Aérospatiale v Lee Kui Jak
and Another**

Before Lord Keith of Kinkaid,
Lord Griffiths, Lord Mackay of
Clashfern, Lord Goff of
Chieveley and Sir John Megaw
[Judgment May 14]

The principles governing the
exercise of the court's discretion
to grant an injunction restraining
foreign proceedings were not
the same as those in relation to
the imposition of a stay of
domestic proceedings on the
ground of *forum non
conveniens*.

Accordingly where a remedy
was available in both the
foreign court, and the
domestic court concluded that it
provided the natural forum for
the trial of the action, in general
it would only restrain the
plaintiff from pursuing
proceedings in the foreign court if such
pursuit would be vexatious or
oppressive, and to grant an
injunction would unjustly
deprive the plaintiff of advantages
in the foreign court.

The Judicial Committee of
the Privy Council so stated in
allowing an appeal by Société
Nationale Industrielle
Aérospatiale (SNIAS) from the
judgment of the Court of Appeal
of Brunei Darussalam on March
20, 1987, dismissing SNIAS's
appeal from a judgment of Mr
Commissioner Rhind in the
High Court of Brunei Darussalam
refusing to grant an
injunction restraining the
plaintiff, Lee Kui Jak and
Yong Joon Kim, from continuing
proceedings commenced by
them in the 61st Judicial District
Court of Harris County, Texas.

Mr Ian Hunter, QC and Mr
David Joseph for SNIAS; Mr
Nicholas Chambers, QC and Mr
Raymond Szabo for the
plaintiffs (Lee Kui Jak and
Yong Joon Kim).

LORD GOFF said that on
December 16, 1980, a Puma
3501 helicopter crashed near
Kuala Belait in Brunei. The
two killed were Yong Joon Kim.
He was a very successful
businessman. His home was in
Brunei, where he lived with his
wife and children. His main
business concerned providing
catering services for oil and
gas structures operating off
Brunei. In addition he was
making substantial sums on the
New York Stock Exchange.

The helicopter was manufac-
tured in France by SNIAS, a
French company in the owner-
ship of the French state. The
helicopter was owned by an
English company but it was at
all material times operated and
serviced by Bristow Helicopters
Malaysia Sdn Bhd, an associ-
ated company of Bristow Helicopters Ltd, and was under

contract to Sarawak Shell Bhd
and so based in Sarawak.

Three sets of proceedings
were started by the plaintiffs in
December, 1981, in Brunei,
France and Texas respectively.
The Brunei proceedings were
issued against Bristow Malaysia
and SNIAS. It was alleged that
Bristow Malaysia were solely
responsible for the accident, as
against SNIAS, allegations were
made of negligent design and
manufacture, but no particulars
were given.

The French proceedings were
against SNIAS alone and had
been discontinued.

In the Texas proceedings
there were eight defendants. The
claim against SNIAS was ad-
vanced under the Texas Wrong-
ful Death Statute (section
71.031 of the Texas Civil Prac-
tice and Remedies Code) which
could apparently be invoked
notwithstanding that the de-
ceased had no connection with
Texas and the accident causing
death occurred elsewhere, juris-
diction being asserted on the
basis that SNIAS was doing
business in Texas. The reasons
for launching the Texas
proceedings were stated to be (1)
the more favourable Texas law
on product liability; and (2) the
higher level of damages awarded
in courts in the United States.

In 1983 an agreement was
reached whereby all proceedings
between the plaintiffs on the one
hand, and the Bristow compa-
nies and the Shell companies
on the other hand, were settled.
SNIAS were not parties to the
settlement and were never in-
vited to be.

In March 1985 the plaintiffs
instructed fresh attorneys in the
United States. Mr Mitthoff and
Mr Jacks. On May 28, 1986, the
defendants filed a motion to
dismiss the Texas proceedings
on the ground of *forum non
conveniens*.

The motion was opposed by
the plaintiffs on two grounds: (1)
that where a claim was made
under the Texas Wrongful
Death Statute the doctrine of
forum non conveniens had no
application; and (2) that the
court should in any event
exercise its discretion to refuse
the motion on the ground of
forum non conveniens.

The Texas court refused the
motion but in accordance with
the terms of the court's
decision. The trial in Texas was
at present fixed for June 1, 1987.

In December 1986, having
failed at their attempt to obtain
dismissal of the proceedings
against them and their associ-
ated companies in Texas,
SNIAS turned their attention to
the possibility of obtaining an
injunction from the Brunei
court restraining the plaintiffs
from continuing the Texas
proceedings. Mr Commissioner

Rhind refused to grant an
injunction.

SNIAS appealed and it was
common ground that the Court
of Appeal should consider the
matter *de novo*. During the
hearing undertakings were given
by both sides, no doubt with a
view to fortifying their
positions.

The plaintiffs agreed to trial
by judge alone in Texas if
SNIAS wished; and they ac-
cepted that the law of Brunei
being applicable both as to
liability and quantum in respect
of the trial of the matter in
Texas, no claim lay against
SNIAS either in consequence of
strict liability or for punitive
damages.

SNIAS gave a number of
undertakings including: to pro-
vide the plaintiffs with two
irrevocable letters of credit; that
the Texas proceedings should be
permitted to continue until
completion of pre-trial discov-
ery; to agree to a trial date in
September/October 1987; to co-
operate in every practicable way
in the admission to the Bar of
Brunei Darussalam of Mr Jacks
and Mr Mitthoff as *ad hoc*
members for the purposes of the
action; and to take all such steps
as might be necessary to obtain
all relevant consents for the use
in the action of any documents
obtained by discovery in the
Texas action.

There were certain develop-
ments regarding the position of
Bristow Malaysia. In the course
of the Court of Appeal hearing a
contribution notice was served
on Bristow Malaysia by SNIAS.
Whereas Bristow Malaysia were
vigorously resisting Texas juris-
diction they had indicated their
willingness to submit to the
jurisdiction of the court in
Brunei to enable the whole case
to be determined there. Also
SNIAS accepted service of a writ
issued against them by the
owners of the helicopter, to-
gether with the insurers of the
hull.

The leading judgment of the
Court of Appeal was delivered
by Mr Commissioner Rhind. He
referred first to the speech of
Lord Scarman in *Castanho v
Brown & Root (UK) Ltd* [1981] AC 557, and then he
proceeded to apply the principle
stated by Lord Scarman, at
p575.

He concluded: "Applying the
principles enunciated by Lord
Scarman in *Castanho* in the
light of the facts of the pres-
ent case, I am satisfied that
justice can be done in Brunei at
substantially less inconvenience
and expense than in Texas, and
in so far as it is necessary to
determine that the injunction
sought would deprive the plain-
tiffs of legitimate personal and
judicial advantages."

Mr Commissioner Kempster
then turned to consider whether,
and if so how, the principles in
Castanho had been affected by
the decision of the House of
Lords in *Spiliada Maritime
Corporation v Cansulex Ltd*
[1986] 3 WLR 972 and con-
cluded:

"Which then is the
"appropriate" or "natural" forum
in the sense that litigation there
is the more likely to secure the
ends of justice? If it is Brunei,
the jurisdiction with which,
in 1981, the dispute might have
been thought more closely con-
nected, it will be proper to
consider the exercise of our
discretion but if... it is or has
become as clear as the bell,
Texas it will be wrong in
principle to consider such ex-
ercise... Mr Commissioner
Rhind was right in finding that
Texas is presently the
"appropriate" and "natural" for-
um and that (SNIAS) fail in
their application."

Mr Commissioner O'Connor
delivered a concurring judg-
ment and the President of the
Court, Sir Geoffrey Briggs,
agreed.

The Court of Appeal was
understandably concerned
about the relationship between
the decisions of the House of
Lords in *Castanho* and *Spiliada*.
Since a proper identification of
the applicable legal principles
lay at the heart of the case their
Lordships considered that their
first duty was to identify those
principles, giving due consid-
eration to those two decisions.
For that purpose, no material
difference emerged in the time
between the law of Brunei and
the law of England.

The law relating to injunc-
tions restraining a party from
commencing or pursuing legal
proceedings in a foreign juris-
diction had a long history,
stretching back at least as far as
the early nineteenth century.
From an early stage certain basic
principles emerged which were
now beyond dispute.

The jurisdiction was to be
exercised when the "ends of
justice" required it.
Where the court decided to
grant an injunction restraining
proceedings in a foreign court,
its order was directed not
against the foreign court but
against the parties so proceeding
or threatening to proceed.

An injunction would only be
issued restraining a party who
was amenable to the jurisdiction
of the court, against whom an
injunction would be an effective
remedy.

Since such an order indirectly
affected the foreign court, the
jurisdiction was one which had
to be exercised with caution.

All of that was uncontroversial
but it did not provide very
much guidance to judges at first
instance who had to decide
whether or not to exercise the

jurisdiction in any particular
case.

The decided cases, stretching
back over a hundred years and
more provided however a use-
ful source of experience from
which guidance might be drawn.
They showed, moreover, judges
seeking to apply the fun-
damental principles in certain
categories of case, while at the
same time never asserting that
the jurisdiction was to be con-
fined to those categories.

The old principle that an
injunction might be granted to
restrain the pursuit of foreign
proceedings on the grounds of
vexation or oppression, al-
though it should not be regarded
as the only ground upon which
the jurisdiction might be ex-
ercised, was of such importance,
and of such apparent relevance
in the present case, that it was
desirable to examine it in a
little detail.

As with the basic principle of
justice underlying the whole of
this jurisdiction, it had been
emphasized that the notions of
vexation and oppression should
not be restricted by definition.
In *Peruvian Guano Co v
Birkwood* (1883) 23 ChD 225,
230 Lord Justice Brett, Master
of the Rolls, gave two examples of
vexatious proceedings.

One occurred when the
proceedings were so utterly
absurd that they could not
possibly succeed. Another oc-
curred when the plaintiff, in-
tending to annoy or harass the
defendant, but thinking he
could get some fanciful advan-
tage, sued him in two courts at
the same time under the same
jurisdiction.

He went on to say that
similar, although not perhaps
the same, considerations ap-
plied in a case where the actions
were brought one in a foreign
country and one in this country.
It summed up the position as
being that it was not vexatious
to bring an action in each
country where there were
substantial reasons of benefit to
the plaintiff.

There was no presumption
that a multiplicity of
proceedings was vexatious.
Proceedings were not to be
regarded as vexatious merely
because they were brought in an
inconvenient place. However
their Lordships thought it was
not proper to assume that the
breadth of the jurisdiction.

In particular, the possibility
had to be borne in mind that
foreign proceedings might be
restrained not only where they
were vexatious, in the sense of
being frivolous or useless, but
also where they were oppressive;
and also that everything de-
pendent on the circumstances of
the particular case, and new
circumstances had emerged,
which were not, perhaps, fore-
seen by our Victorian pre-
decessors.

In particular, litigants might
now be encouraged to proceed
in foreign jurisdictions, having
no connection with the subject
matter of the dispute, which
exercised an exceptionally
broad jurisdiction and which
offered great inducements,
especially greatly enhanced,
even punitive, damages, that
they might tempt litigants to
pursue their remedies there.

In normal circumstances,
application of the very
widely recognized principle of
forum non conveniens should
ensure that the foreign court
would itself, where appropriate,
decline to exercise its own
jurisdiction, especially as the
existence of any particular
advantages from the law of
Scotland in which that principle
had long been so applicable,
they could find no trace of any
suggestion that the principles
applicable in cases of stay of
proceedings and in cases of
injunctions were the same.

On the contrary, the prin-
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Their Lordships were of the
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tions restraining foreign
proceedings still provided useful
guidance on the circumstances
in which such injunctions might
be granted; although of course
the law on the subject was in a
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In a case such as the present
where a remedy for a particular
wrong was available both in the
English (or, as here, the Brunei)
court and in a foreign court,
English or Brunei court could,
generally speaking, only restrain
proceedings in the foreign court
if such pursuit would be vexa-
tious or oppressive.

That presupposed that, as a
general rule, the English or
Brunei court had to conclude
that it provided the natural
forum for the trial of the action,
and further, since the court was
concerned with the ends of
justice, that account had to be
taken not only of injustice to the
defendant if the plaintiff was
allowed to pursue the foreign
proceedings, but also of injustice

between the English court and
the foreign court as to which was
the natural forum, the English
court could arrogate to itself, by
the grant of an injunction, the
power to resolve the dispute.

Such a conclusion would be
inconsistent with comity and
disregard the fundamental
requirement that an injunction
would only be granted where the
ends of justice so required.

Their Lordships were fortified
in their opinion by the fact that,
upon examining a number of
authorities from the United
States, where the principle of
forum non conveniens was rec-
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taken not only of injustice to the
defendant if the plaintiff was
allowed to pursue the foreign
proceedings, but also of injustice

to the plaintiff if he was not
allowed to do so.

As a general rule, the court
would not grant an injunction if,
by doing so, it would deprive the
plaintiff of advantages in the
foreign forum of which it would
be unjust to deprive him. That
problem could often be over-
come by appropriate undertak-
ings given by the plaintiff, or by
granting an injunction upon
appropriate terms.

[Their Lordships considered
de novo, upon the applicable
principles as stated, whether the
decision to refuse an injunction
should stand and continued:]

The natural forum for the trial
of the action remained, as it
always had been, the courts of
Brunei.

That was not enough of itself
to justify the grant of an
injunction. An injunction would
only be granted to prevent
injustice, and, in the context of a
case such as the present, that
meant that the Texas proceed-
ings had to be shown in the
circumstances to be vexatious or
oppressive.

If the plaintiffs were not
restrained from continuing their
proceedings in Texas, SNIAS
might well be unable to claim
over against Bristow Malaysia
in those proceedings; and if they
were held liable to the plaintiffs
in the Texas court, they might
have to bring a separate action
against Bristow Malaysia in
Malaysia in which they might
have to establish their own
liability to the plaintiffs before
they could be entitled to claim
contribution from Bristow
Malaysia, with all the attendant
difficulties which that would
involve, including the possi-
bility of inconsistent conclusions
on the issue of liability.

For the plaintiffs to be per-
mitted to proceed in a forum,
Texas, other than the natural
forum, Brunei, with that con-
sequence, could indeed lead to
serious injustice to SNIAS, and
the plaintiffs' conduct in
continuing with their proceed-
ings in Texas in those circum-
stances should properly be
described as oppressive.

Furthermore, no objection to
the grant of an injunction to
restrain the plaintiffs from
continuing with the proceedings
could be made by them on the
basis of injustice to them having
regard to the undertakings given
by SNIAS.

The appeal should be allowed
and an injunction ought to be
granted restraining the plaintiffs
from further proceeding with
their action against SNIAS in
the Texas court, such injunction
to be granted on terms.

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Roele.

No breach of natural justice

**Regina v Chief Constable of
South Wales, Ex parte
Thornhill**

Before Lord Justice Fox, Lord
Justice Lloyd and Lord Justice
Stocker
[Judgment May 13]

No breach of natural justice
occurred when the deputy chief
constable, who was the prose-
cutor in disciplinary proceed-
ings brought before the chief
constable against an officer,
paid a visit to the chief constable
to confer with him about other
police matters when the chief
constable had retired to his
room to consider his decision.

The Court of Appeal, in a
reserved judgment, dismissed
an appeal by the officer, Ian
Victor Charles Thornhill, from
the refusal by the Queen's Bench
Divisional Court (Lord Justice
Watkins and Mr Justice Mann)
of an application for judicial
review of a decision of the chief
constable of South Wales in the
disciplinary proceedings held in
accordance with the Police
(Discipline) Regulations (SI
1977 No 580).

Mr Edmund Lawson for the
applicant, Lord Hoosen, QC
and Mr Philip Price for the chief
constable.

LORD JUSTICE STOCKER
said that the charges against the
applicant were being a mem-
ber of the South Wales
Constabulary, between January
17 and November 22, 1984 he
did, without good and sufficient
cause, contravene regulation 12
of the Police Regulations (SI
1979 No 1479) by failing to
notify the chief constable that he
had a business interest; and that
he acted in a manner likely to
bring discredit on the reputation
of the force.

The chief constable's findings

of fact that the charges were
proved, and his decision to
dismiss the applicant, were not
open to challenge in the Dis-
ciplinary Court and were not
challenged before the Court of
Appeal. They were the subject of
an appeal in accordance with the
police appeal rules. That appeal
was due to be heard shortly.

The decision whether or not a
charge was to be brought and the
nature of such charge was
decided by the chief officer
concerned, and in the present case
the deputy chief constable.

The applicant's contention
was that the Divisional Court
was wrong in law in concluding
that the presence of the deputy
chief constable, who had the role
of prosecutor in the disciplinary
proceedings, in the chief
constable's private room during
the chief constable's delibera-
tions did not amount to a breach
of natural justice.

The gravamen of the com-
plaint was that the deputy chief
constable entered the chief
constable's room while the chief
constable was adjourned to
consider his findings and that
might have given the appear-
ance that injustice might well
have occurred in that way.

Mr Lawson made it clear that
he could not and did not
contend that there had been any
actual injustice, whether based
upon a contention of bias or any
other factor.

The natural starting point for
the consideration of the appeal
was the oft-quoted judgment of
Lord Hewart, Chief Justice, in
*R v Sussex Justices, Ex parte
McCarthy* [1924] 1 KB 256,
259, where he said: "... it is
not merely of some importance
but it is of fundamental im-
portance that justice should not

only be done but should mani-
festly and undoubtedly be seen
to be done... Nothing is to be
done which creates even a sus-
picion that there has been an
improper interference with the
course of justice."

The cases were examples of
the application of the principle
(which was not in dispute) to the
facts of any given case and the
dicta in each, even where
couched in general terms, had to
be read in the context of the
facts to which those *dicta* were
applied.

Mr Lawson placed strong
reliance upon *Cooper v Wilson*
[1937] 2 KB 309, 345 but that
authority was not decisive, hav-
ing regard to its rather extreme
facts.

In that case, the chief con-
stable had purported to dismiss
the applicant, a police sergeant,
and the chief constable was
present at the appeal hearing
before the watch committee,
seated next to the chairman of
the committee. The proceedings
had opened with a statement by
the chief constable who had
given the appearance of being a
member of the committee.

Such cases as *R v Leicester-
shire Fire Authority, Ex parte
Thompson* (1978) 7 LGR 373
and *Wiseman v Borneman*
[1971] AC 279 indicated that
where the processes concerned
were not justiciable, the court
in the present case, the court
reviewing the decision on the
ground of breaches of natural
justice had to be flexible.

The present case was not one
in which the hypothetical
impartial observer could play
any part. Such an observer could
hardly know the role played by
the deputy chief constable who
had not in fact been present

during the hearing of the
charges.

Any feeling of injustice re-
lated to the applicant's own
subjective reaction. Had the
chief constable, for example,
announced in advance that
his retirement hearing might
in the course of his public police
duties need to consult his de-
puty, no valid objection could
have been taken.

The facts of the present case
suggested an essential difference
which existed between a quasi-
judicial tribunal and a court of
law. The latter had no other
function to perform than to
reach its considered findings. A
police force had to function as
such all the time and could not
in practice wholly exclude other
functions because of the exis-
tence at the same time of
disciplinary proceedings.

Flexibility in the context of
cases of the present type re-
quired the court to consider the
facts giving rise to the appear-
ance of bias or lack of partiality
on the one hand, and the
explanation for those facts on the
other.

In the present case there was
put forward not only an
explanation for the presence of
the deputy chief constable in the
chief constable's room but also
the reason for that presence.

The general principle was of
vital importance, but for the
reasons given by his Lordship
the facts of the present case
dictated the conclusion that no
breach of that principle occur-
red.

Lord Justice Lloyd delivered
a concurring judgment and Lord
Justice Fox agreed.

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Intent to avoid prosecution no offence

Regina v Utting
Before Lord Justice Parker,
Mr Justice Bush and Mr Justice
Kennedy
[Judgment May 20]

An offence of forgery, contrary
to section 1 of the Forgery and
Counterfeiting Act 1981, was
not committed by a person
making a false instrument with
the intention of using it to
induce the police to accept it as
genuine, and by reason of so
accepting it not to prosecute
him.

The Court of Appeal so held
when giving reasons for allow-
ing, on April 14, the appeal of
John Benjamin Utting against his
conviction on March 30, 1986,
of an offence under section 1
of the Forgery and Counter-
feiting Act 1981. He was sen-
tenced to 18 months' imprison-
ment of which 12 were to be
suspended. He was acquitted on
a count of theft, and the jury
was discharged from returning
a verdict on count 3, using a
copy of a false instrument.

The 1981 Act provides: "1 A
person is guilty of forgery if he
makes a false instrument, with
the intention that he or another
person should use it to induce
somebody to accept it as genuine,
and by reason of so accepting it
to do some act to his own or
any other person's prejudice."

Mr R. Alan Jones, assigned by
the Registrar of Criminal Ap-
peals to represent the appellant,
Mr Andrew Munday for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE PARKER,
giving the judgment of the court,
said that the appellant was a
solicitor who was a partner in a
firm in Braintree from 1981 to
1983, when the only other partner
retired. The appellant
continued to practise under the
firm's name.

In 1980 the firm had been
engaged by a Mr Rudkin, aged
23, to pursue a claim for
negligence against the driver of
the vehicle involved in an
accident in which he had suf-
fered grievous injuries which
left him a paraplegic.

From about 1982 the appella-
nt had the control of the firm's
claim. On March 10, 1986 a
cheque for £200,000 was sent to
him by the insurers, which was
paid into the firm's client
account.

In about May 1986 the appella-
nt presented to Mr Rudkin a
statement showing a balance in
hand of £3,892 after making a
number of payments. One item
was disputed, a payment "To
Trustee Savings Bank
£45,000."

On April 3 the appellant had
paid the sum into an account at
the Trustee Savings Bank to
clear his overdraft. At about that
time the accounts of the
appellant's firm were under
investigation by the Law Society
and in June the practice was
sold after an intervention under
section 30 of the Solicitors Act
1974.

On September 18 the appella-
nt was interviewed by police
officers in connection with an
allegation made by Mr Rudkin and
his father that he had stolen the sum
of £45,000. The appellant in-
formed the police that Mr
Rudkin had agreed to lend him

the sum of £45,000 for five years
from March 31, 1986 at 2 per
cent above the National West-
minster Bank rate for the time
being in force.

In support of that he pro-
duced a document (Exhibit 9)
purporting to be a photocopy of
an original agreement between
himself and Mr Rudkin, signed
by Mr Rudkin. However, no
part of what was said to be Mr
Rudkin's signature was visible
except the tops of the loops of
some letters. The original from
which the photocopy was made
was neither then nor thereafter
produced.

The basic prosecution case
was that the payment of £45,000
had never been made to a per-
son



Lords of the traditional manner pass through the gates to eternity

There could be no more impressive indication of the permanence, or for that matter the primacy, of MCC than the fact that at the last count there were 12,125 candidates waiting to join the club, despite their knowing that it could be anything up to 40 years before their number comes up.

It is not because they want to spend the rest of their days sitting in the Long Room in an MCC tie that there are so many of them; and only few will ever avail themselves of the facilities for playing real tennis or squash, or for having a net, bowled to by the ground staff for the price of a tip.

Many, even when they become members, will go to Lord's only once or twice a year. Of the present membership of 19,125, a sizeable proportion never go at all. If they all went together there would be little or no room left for the paying public.

To hire a private box for a match of any consequence, members need to be extraordinarily lucky in a ballot and extremely rich to boot. To be served a full lunch without missing the last 20 minutes of the morning's play or the first 20 minutes of the afternoon's is hardly possible.

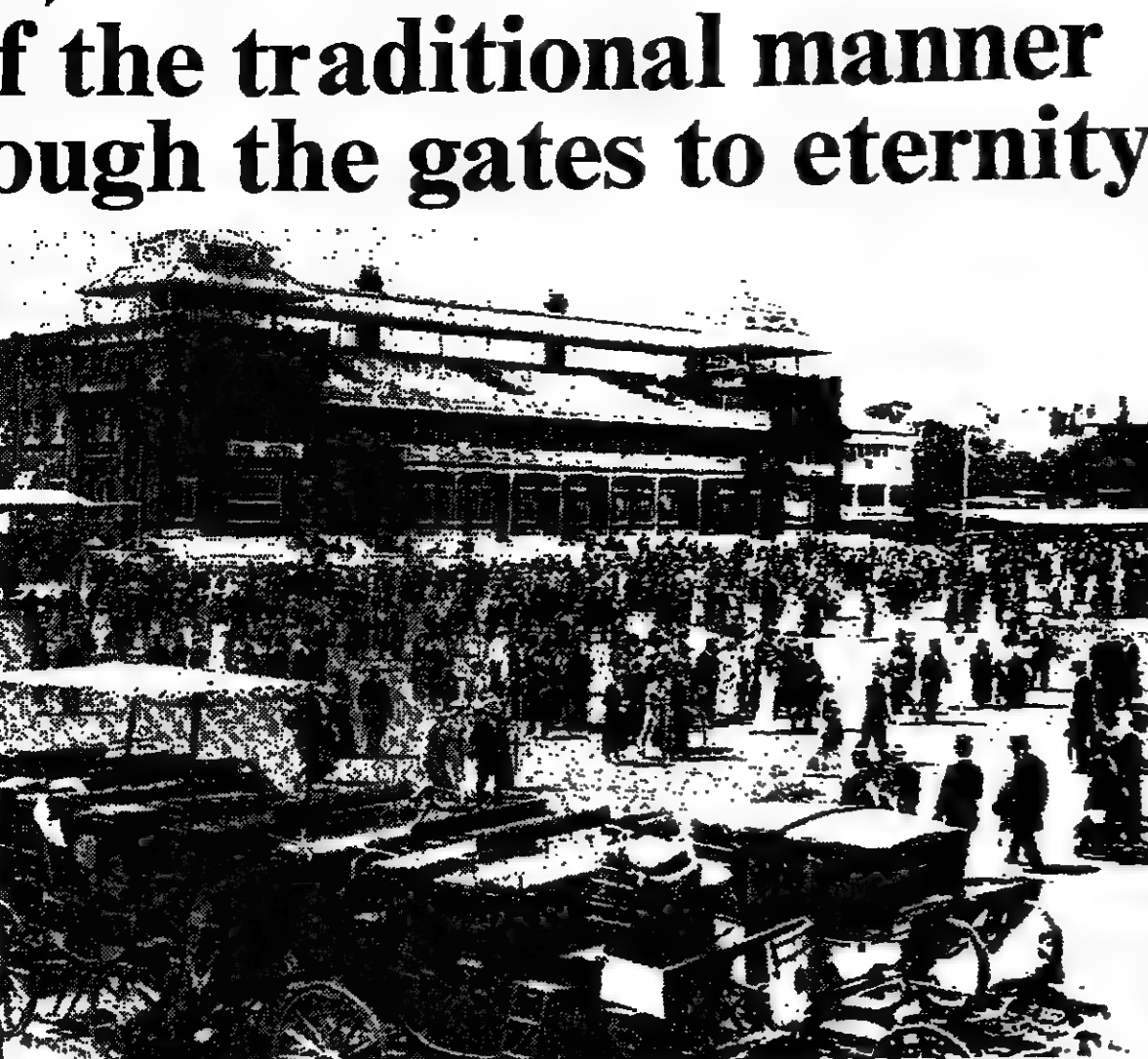
Although ideally situated as a cricket ground, the club itself is neither residential nor particularly companionable, and when the cricket season comes round you can arrive to watch the start of it only to find that the writing room in the pavilion is closed for redecoration or that there is no catering to speak of.

So why the famous mystique? It is not enough to say that Lord's is the "cathedral of cricket", as Sir Robert Menzies called it, or that it is useful to be able to lay one's hands on a rover ticket for a friend from overseas. The club is no longer socially elite and some of the sides it turns out to play against the schools can be embarrassingly bad.

The attraction of joining MCC comes more from the idea of being absorbed into a tradition that has been maintained, mostly effortlessly, for the last 200 years and which we like to think still bestows a certain status.

I say this even after an annual general meeting held early last month at which MCC's standing vis-à-vis the Test and County Cricket Board became so sensitive and heated an issue as to lead to the unprecedented rejection of the annual report and

Two hundred years ago today eight gentlemen of Middlesex, with two gentlemen of Berkshire and one of Kent, beat nine gentlemen of Essex, with two given men, in the first match on Thomas Lord's new ground in London. MCC, cricket's most famous club, which made Lord's its home and which this year celebrates its bicentenary, commemorates the event with a lunch today on the site of that first ground, Dorset Square. In recognition of this *The Times* has commissioned articles by leading figures in the game, the first by John Woodcock, our Cricket Correspondent



Lord's, ladies and gentlemen: carriages and crowd during the interval in the Eton and Harrow match in 1933

accounts. Accustomed to taking for granted the club's authority, and reluctant to forfeit in the slightest degree what they see as MCC's prerogative as Lords of the Manor, the members, or some of them, gave the president, the genial inoffensive Colin Cowdrey, a harrowing time.

Yet if, as has been said many times, MCC sees itself as "a private club with a public function", that is an assumption which carries with it a public responsibility. The Cricket Council and its offshoot, the TCCB, came into being in 1968, when the Government of the day made certain much-needed grants available to sports and games. A private club, even one as venerable as MCC, was not what the Government was looking for.

Hence the formation of the Cricket Council and the TCCB, the latter to run first-class cricket in this country and to be given ultimate responsibility for major matches played under their jurisdiction, whether at Lord's, Headingley, Old Trafford or any of

the other Test grounds. Although what I take to be a small, albeit vociferous, minority of members have yet to be convinced of it, the TCCB pose no threat to the dignity and reputation of MCC.

A gentle radicalism has prevailed at Lord's for longer, in fact, than many realize. In the eyes of the world MCC and England are still synonymous; on the other hand, if there was once an air of self-satisfaction at Lord's, that has gone.

The club still provides the International Cricket Conference with its chairman and secretary; but the England team no longer comes under the aegis of MCC. After nearly 40 years of membership it have become no less susceptible to the sight of the Grace Gates and to the sense of anticipation which comes from passing through them.

Sir Pelham Warner, a part of the fabric of Lord's and known to everyone who worked there, never

entered either the ground or the pavilion without drawing his red membership card from out of his pocket and showing it to the attendant. It was the special wish that if he died during the cricket season, on a day when there was a match at Lord's, there should be no great show of mourning but rather an extra hour's play. He died instead in the depths of winter.

MCC's third century will have neither the prestige of its second nor the excitement of the first. It is only right that there should be some anxiety about the future of the club, especially now that its historical links have been weakened.

Only to a certain point can its immemorial nature as an institution and the way of life which it represents be proof against the changing years. But to many who become members the club remains a symbol of eternity and to those who go there, Lord's, for one reason or another, is a special place.

GOLF

McEvoy is aiming to defy the tradition

By John Hennessy

If the word of Peter McEvoy, the winner in 1977 and 1978 is to be believed, the amateur championship at Prestwick is about to defy tradition. Until now it has always been won by a member of either Walker Cup team when that competition has been held in this country, beginning with Roper Wethered in 1923. On two other occasions, a British winner has taken the trophy. Last in 1963 and Parkin in 1983, otherwise it has been dominated by the Americans, as has the Walker Cup itself.

All that is about to change, according to McEvoy. "For the first time it will be won by a non-member of either side," he declared. He declined to identify the winner, but it does not take much imagination to peer into his mind. Permit any one from two might have been the formula as he went out to practise with Garth McGimpsey, the runner in 1985.

These two were mysteriously excluded from the Walker Cup team last week and they can now perhaps reap the benefits from being spared the demoralizing experience of Sunningdale and the deflation that comes in the wake of such an event. Even Jay Siegel, the 1979 amateur champion and an American stalwart last week and on many previous Walker Cup occasions, admitted yesterday to being totally drained.

But McEvoy is anxious not to trumpet his claims. "I don't want to fall into the trap of saying 'I'll show 'em,'" he explained. "I did that at Ganton during the Brabazon Trophy a couple of weeks ago. Golf is best played when you're rational." Of the 30 players in the Walker Cup all save two are trying their luck at Prestwick. The absentees are George MacGregor, who almost makes a point of honour never to play in the Amateur, and John McEwen, who is usually totally absent. The third deflection has been avoided by the convention whereby the holder is honour-bound to defend. Otherwise, David Curry says, he would be back at his convivial post this week managing the Rose and Crown at Billingham. "I feel absolutely shattered," he said yesterday.

For the Americans — and there are more than 60 of them in the competition — Prestwick must be something of a culture shock since its original 12 holes are substantially as nature intended, a quiet stretch in and out of a number of blind shots and unpredictable bounces. A patient acceptance of bad luck as well as the execution of good golf is essential. The six holes subsequently added are the more conventional character.

Prestwick holds an historic place in the history of the game, since the first 12 Open championships were held here in 1960. Growing interest and gathering spectators took it off the Open rota in 1925 because of lack of space. Nine amateur championships have been held here, the last in 1953.

Two rounds of stroke-play qualifying will be held today and tomorrow, a quiet stretch in and out of a number of blind shots and unpredictable bounces. A patient acceptance of bad luck as well as the execution of good golf is essential. The six holes subsequently added are the more conventional character.

Who will win? Assuming McEvoy is right, some of the smart money is going on Jack Kay, a member of the Canadian team who won the World Team championship at Caracas last October, but somehow I doubt if that is the name that McEvoy has in mind.

Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	348	4	10	453	4
2	182	3	11	194	3
3	590	5	12	515	5
4	352	4	13	461	4
5	266	3	14	363	4
6	400	4	15	348	4
7	481	4	16	286	4
8	431	4	17	381	4
9	454	4	18	286	4

Total yardage: 6,631 Par: 71

TOMORROW

Sir Donald Bradman presents an Australian's view of Lord's

SATURDAY'S CRICKET SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance Championship

Yorkshire v Nottingham

ANDREW BROUGH (Yorkshire) won toss; Nottinghamshire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, lost 171 runs behind Yorkshire.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings	47
M D Mouton c Finch b Rice	13
A A McElreath c Broad b Hadlee	13
R J Bailey b W b Rice	37
R Sharp c Johnson b Rice	9
J D Lowe c Broad b Hadlee	8
P J Hartery b Rice	20
P Carrick c Randall b Hemmings	52
A Sidebottom c Johnson b Saville	5
P J Hartery b Rice	3
P D Jones c Finch b Hemmings	3
S D Pritchard not out	0
Extras (b 2, w 1, nb 3)	6
Total (84 overs)	216

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-34, 3-107, 4-14, 5-128, 6-155, 7-184, 8-202, 9-216, 10-228, 11-244, 12-258, 13-274, 14-288, 15-302, 16-316, 17-330, 18-344, 19-358, 20-372, 21-386, 22-400, 23-414, 24-428, 25-442, 26-456, 27-470, 28-484, 29-498, 30-512.

BOWLING: Hadlee 19-6-55-3; Rice 27-8-68-4; Saville 27-12-56-1; Hemmings 7-4-0-2; Atford 2-0-14-0; Birch 2-0-14-0.

Derbyshire v Glamorgan

DERBYSHIRE won toss; Glamorgan, with all first-innings wickets in hand, lost 206 all out against Derbyshire.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings	0
J A Hopkin c Anderson b Holding	0
M Morris c Holding b Holding	0
P A Todd c Roberts b Holding	0
C G Thomas c Warner b Holding	0
M P Maynard not out	19
M P Maynard not out	19
J G Cottrell not out	42
J G Thomas c Morris b Holding	29
T G Morgan b W b Hemmings	17
S Smith c Mather b Holding	1
C P G van Zyl c Roberts b Warner	32
S R Seneviratne c Mather b Newman	14
Extras (b 2, w 1, nb 3)	6
Total (84 overs)	206

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-0, 3-0, 4-0, 5-0, 6-0, 7-0, 8-0, 9-0, 10-0, 11-0, 12-0, 13-0, 14-0, 15-0, 16-0, 17-0, 18-0, 19-0, 20-0.

Worcestershire v Essex

WORCESTERSHIRE won toss; Gloucestershire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, lost 301 runs behind Gloucestershire.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings	19
T S Curtis c East b Foster	44
M J Watson b W b Phipps	44
A P Benjamin c Phipps b Foster	17
D D O'Leary not out	17
Extras (b 3, w 3)	108
Total (2 wks, 37 overs)	108

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-58, 2-77, 3-108, 4-127, 5-146, 6-165, 7-184, 8-203, 9-222, 10-241, 11-260, 12-279, 13-298, 14-317, 15-336, 16-355, 17-374, 18-393, 19-412, 20-431, 21-450, 22-469, 23-488, 24-507, 25-526, 26-545, 27-564, 28-583, 29-602, 30-621.

Leics v Somerset

LEICESTERSHIRE won toss; Somerset, with all first-innings wickets in hand, lost 173 for two wickets against Leicestershire.

SOMERSET: First Innings	28
B C Rose c Willey b Agnew	28
A F Peterson c Porter b Agnew	52
J C Hardy not out	14
D D Gooch not out	14
Extras (b 4, nb 4)	14
Total (2 wks, 37 overs)	112

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52, 2-127, 3-199, 4-271, 5-343, 6-415, 7-487, 8-559, 9-631, 10-703, 11-775, 12-847, 13-919, 14-991, 15-1063, 16-1135, 17-1207, 18-1279, 19-1351, 20-1423, 21-1495, 22-1567, 23-1639, 24-1711, 25-1783, 26-1855, 27-1927, 28-1999, 29-2071, 30-2143.

Northants v Kent

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE won toss; Kent, with all first-innings wickets in hand, lost 220 for three wickets against Northants.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings	57
G Cook b W b Kellner	57
W Larkins b Kellner	57
J J Bailey b Kellner	57
A J Lamb not out	68
D J Capel not out	17
Extras (b 5, nb 2)	17
Total (3 wks, 79 overs)	230

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-123, 2-144, 3-148, 4-152, 5-156, 6-160, 7-164, 8-168, 9-172, 10-176, 11-180, 12-184, 13-188, 14-192, 15-196, 16-200, 17-204, 18-208, 19-212, 20-216, 21-220, 22-224, 23-228, 24-232, 25-236, 26-240, 27-244, 28-248, 29-252, 30-256.

Hampshire v Gloucestershire

SOUTHAMPTON (Hampshire) won toss; Gloucestershire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, lost 301 runs behind Gloucestershire.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings	106
C G Greenwood c Walsh b Grayson	106
V P Terry c Grayson b Lawrence	67
M C J Rhodes c Thomas b Walsh	6
D R Turner c Russell b Walsh	63
C L Smith not out	38
M D Jones c Atkey b Lloyd	38
M D Marshall not out	1
Extras (b 5, w 3, nb 2)	11
Total (6 wks dec)	314

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-134, 2-142, 3-228, 4-250, 5-277, 6-304, 7-331, 8-358, 9-385, 10-412, 11-439, 12-466, 13-493, 14-520, 15-547, 16-574, 17-601, 18-628, 19-655, 20-682, 21-709, 22-736, 23-763, 24-790, 25-817, 26-844, 27-871, 28-898, 29-925, 30-952.

BOWLING: Lawrence 22-4-70-1; Atkey 9-1-45-2; Grayson 24-6-56-1; Lloyd 21-4-73-1.

GLoucestershire: First Innings 9 || A W Soward not out | 9 |
K P Thomas not out	9
Extras (b 1)	1
Total (two wks, 5 overs)	14

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-134, 2-142, 3-228, 4-250, 5-277, 6-304, 7-331, 8-358, 9-385, 10-412, 11-439, 12-466, 13-493, 14-520, 15-547, 16-574, 17-601, 18-628, 19-655, 20-682, 21-709, 22-736, 23-763, 24-790, 25-817, 26-844, 27-871, 28-898, 29-925, 30-952.

Other match

Oxford University v Warwickshire

THE PAIRING (Warwickshire) won toss; Warwickshire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, lost 279 for two wickets against Oxford University.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings	150
T A Lloyd not out	75
A J Rhodes c Cope b Walsh	75
A C Stone c Sains b Firth	19
Extras (b 1, nb 2, w 2, nb 3)	14
Total (2 wks)	279

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-188, 2-242, 3-242, 4-242, 5-242, 6-242, 7-242, 8-242, 9-242, 10-242, 11-242, 12-242, 13-242, 14-242, 15-242, 16-242, 17-242, 18-242, 19-242, 20-242, 21-242, 22-242, 23-242, 24-242, 25-242, 26-242, 27-242, 28-242, 29-242, 30-242.

Despite a spirited 52 from the captain, Phil Carrick, Warwickshire were bowled out for 218 in 64.4 overs as Richard Hadlee and Clive Rice, of Nottinghamshire, went to work on a scaming pitch at Middlesbrough.

RACING

Kennard leaves the jumping scene in blaze of glory

By Michael Seely

As another magnificent jumping season ended on Saturday with meetings at Stratford-on-Avon and Market Rasen, Les Kennard announced his retirement after winning the first two races on the Warwickshire course with Saffron and Fitzherbert.

"I've had a good innings in my 40 years to hold a licence," said the 60-year-old Taunton trainer. "I've been up at 6.30 every morning and often ridden out two lots."

"Chris Popham has bought my yard, but I'm staying on for 12 months to help him. I've already booked Brendan Powell as our jockey for next season."

Record crowds at all three days of the National Hunt Festival at Cheltenham paid eloquent tribute to the event that the winter game dominates the minds and imaginations of the racing public.

Desert Orchid the equine star

But although the victory of The Thinker in the Cheltenham Gold Cup gave Ridley Lamb, the jockey and Arthur Stephenson, the trainer, their first triumph in the Blue Riband of steeplechasing, the flamboyant Desert Orchid was without doubt the equine star of the 1986-87 campaign.

The lightning quick jumping of David Elsworth's grey carried him to six wins, including his 15 lengths victory in the King George VI Chase at Kempton, where Forgive 'N Forget, the previous season's Gold Cup winner, and Wayward Lad were toiling in the rear.

Although his busy time had taken its toll when Desert Orchid was pulled up in the Whitbread Gold Cup, the courage he showed when successfully conceding 33lb to Gold Beater at Ascot earlier in April provided a thrill that flat racing finds hard to equal.

See You Then, was of course the hurdler of the season. In joining the elite ranks of Hatton's Grace, Sir Ken and Persian War as only the fourth horse to have won the champion Hurdle three times, See You Then not only demonstrated his class, but also highlighted the patient skills of Nicky Henderson, who became champion trainer for the second successive season.

Henderson not only proved himself to be a brilliant practitioner of his trade, but also provided the news-hungry public with up-to-date bulletins of the favourite's progress as the trainer once again struggled against the odds to produce See You Then in peak condition. And how handsomely did See You Then prove his point as Steve Smith Eccles drove the seven-year-old home in front of Flatterer.

Henderson was also responsible for the leading four-year-old hurdler, when Alone Success repeated the 1985 victory of First Bout for the stable in the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle.

Oliver Sherwood, Henderson's Lambourn neighbour, showed us this season's top novice in The

West Awake, who at Liverpool added the Mums Champagne Novices' Hurdle to the laurels he had already won in the Sun Alliance Hurdle at Cheltenham.

Jimmy Fitzgerald also enjoyed another fine season with 73 winners, but the new prodigy of the National Hunt scene is undoubtedly Martin Pipe, who is now hot on the trail of Michael Dickinson's 1982-83 record of 120 winners, after Jonathan Lower and Icaro had given the Somerset trainer his 116th success at Market Rasen.

Lower was the leading claiming rider of the season, just in front of Guy Landau, although Michael Bowley also deserves a special mention in this sphere.

Peter Scudamore, who shared the jockeys' championship with John Francome in the 1981-82 season, won the title outright for the second time with 123 winners.

Despite his record, the dedicated 28-year-old professional never quite seems to receive the acclaim that he deserves. Not only is Scudamore unlikely, barring injury, to be deposited from his position in the near future, he is also well on the way to becoming the best all-round jockey since the days of Fred Winter.

Though perhaps lacking the finishing strength of Jonjo O'Neill in his prime and the superb horsemanship of John Francome, Scudamore possesses an ideal blend of these qualities, allied to his own tactical sense and know-how.

Armytage the new riding sensation

Although Gee Armytage just failed to beat Tim Thomson Jones for the Amateur Jockeys' championship, the 21-year-old riding sensation of the season became the first woman to beat the professionals at the Festival when capturing the Midway of Flete Challenge Cup on Gee A.

She had also, only a day earlier, given a striking exhibition of her talent when driving The Elliot to a narrow win over Thomson Jones on Lean Ar Aghaidh in the Kim Muir Challenge Cup.

Once again, the Grand National provided another fairytale romance when Maori Venture fulfilled one of the 92-year-old Jim Joel's life ambitions when beating The Tsarevich and Lean Ar Aghaidh.

This victory also marked a significant achievement in the careers of those quiet professionals, Andy Tunnell and Steve Knight.

The season proper ended on a high note for Stan Mellor, Guy Landau and Lean Ar Aghaidh when the trio received handsome compensation for their defeat at Aintree with a spectacular victory in the Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown.

The whole spirit and excitement of the favourite sport of millions was encapsulated in the winning combination's survival of that appalling blunder at the 19th fence to gain a popular and well-deserved win.

End of season positions

TRAINERS		JOCKEYS	
M Pipe	106	P Scudamore	123
Jimmy Fitzgerald	73	M Dwyer	81
N Henderson	67	R Durwood	70
W A Stephenson	65	S Sherwood	64
J Gifford	60	G Grant	63
G W Richards	59	P Tuck	59

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RACING: SPEEDY FOUR-YEAR-OLD CAN EXTEND LAING'S RECENT RUN OF SUCCESS IN SPRINT HANDICAPS WITH BATH VICTORY

POINT-TO-POINT

African Rex to complete double Risk Me revels in the soft

By Mandarin

Ray Laing, the Lambourn trainer, can continue his run of success in sprint handicaps with African Rex at Bath today. Recently, his sprinters Respect and Sharp Reminder have been successful for the Delamere yard.

African Rex found his form last month at Chesham where he won very easily by four lengths from Chummy's Pet. The runner-up gave the form a boost by capturing a competitive handicap at Brighton last Wednesday. Now African Rex is named to win in the Malmesbury Handicap.

John Edwards, who has enjoyed his best-ever season with his National Hunt horses, can continue his run of success in the Downs Stakes with Cotton Auction.

The Auction Ring colt showed he was a useful performer when making all the running on this course to score by eight lengths from My Diamond Ring.

On that occasion he was giving Edwards his first two-year-old winner for 12 years. His previous winner was Gretna Cloud at Chesham.

Peché D'Or ran very well last year when needing the outgoing behind Dollar Seeker at Newmarket. Ian Balding's well-bred colt can open his account today in the Bristol Maiden Stakes. The Kingsclere trainer can complete a double on the Somerset course with Miss Daisy in the Milborne Stakes.

John Dunlop looks to have the answer in the Britannia Handicap with Angel City. At

Newbury, the grey put in an eye-catching performance when staying on well in fourth place behind Primitive Rising.

Impeach can carry Khaled Abdullah's colours to victory in the Barham Maiden Stakes. The colt has run well in two maiden races without been unduly punished.

Fulke Johnson Houghton, who has his string in top form, can continue his winning ways with Dandy in the Dover Handicap. The gelding went down by a head behind Lulaby Baby at Windsor in a 11-furlong handicap. Today's distance of 15 furlongs will be more to his liking.

Distant Ruler looks to be a cut above his rivals in the Folkestone Graduation Sweepstakes. The majority of them are no better than selling

placers. Charlie Nelson's Indian King colt ran with promise in a competitive maiden race at Newbury last year behind Game Thumper.

Philip Mitchell may have found the right event for Shoot The Moon in the Levy Board Apprentice Handicap. On her latest outing she showed ability in better company. The handicapper has not been able to assess that recent performance as it was on the day the weights were published.

Pat Rohan, the wily Malton handler, can take the Salamanca Selling Stakes at Epsom tonight with Cloudless Sky. The filly ran well in a handicap at Pontefract when in need of the outing. Today she should be at her peak and will relish the drop in class.

Risk Me

revels in the soft

Risk Me, the mount of Tony Cruz, confirmed his liking for soft ground when beating Soviet Star, the French 2,000 Guineas winner, by half a length in the Prix Jean Prat Ecurie Fustok (1m 17.55s) at Longchamp, yesterday (Our French Racing Correspondent writes).

The winner cut down Soviet Star close home with the Clive Britain-trained Bengal Fire (Steve Caughen) a length back in third. Risk Me paid 16.60 francs for the win and 1.20 a place. Bengal Fire paid 1.20 for the place.

Paul Kelleway, who had been trying for ten years to win a race at Longchamp, said Risk Me's future would depend on the ground.

Astute Asmussen rates Derby claim highly

By Dick Hinder

Cash Asmussen, a strong cup of black coffee in hand, relaxed between races at Lingfield Park on Saturday to discuss the merits of his Derby ride, Entitled.

Robert Sangster's immaculate-bred colt, by Mill Reef out of Lady Capulet, is inexperienced, with only two races under his belt, but his 25-year-old Texan rider is enthusiastic about his chance.

"I worked Entitled at Ballydoyle this morning before flying over from Dublin, and he gave me a strong impression. He is improving fast and I'm confident he'll get the trip, but whether he has the experience to cope with Reference Point is the 564 million question."

Lingfield was just a small slot in Asmussen's hectic schedule, building up to the big classic. "I'll be down at Epsom Tuesday morning putting Entitled through his final paces. I can't wait for Wednesday. The atmosphere on Derby Day is just great."

Asmussen, in fact, turned down the ride on Entitled, runner-up to Don't Forget Me, in the Irish 2,000 Guineas, preferring fifth-placed Baba Karan.

He reasoned: "Entitled had only run the once, winning a small maiden at the Curragh. I thought he was too inexperienced, but he fooled me. He's a horse with great potential."

The one-time star American apprentice — he was brought over to France in 1982 under contract to Stavros Niarchos — loves his new life as No 1 jockey to Vincent Ryan.

"With Seattle Dancer going for the French Derby (Prix du Jockey Club), it's great to have two real classic prospects in my first season at Ballydoyle," he said.

Asmussen is putting his now



Asmussen looking for right answer from Entitled

frequent visits to this country to good use. "There is so much variety with your tracks," the articulate American said. "Each time I ride at a different track, particularly the small ones, I learn something new."

"I'm just trying to put my foot in the door and attract some of the bigger trainers. One day, I would like to ride on a regular basis over here."

A confirmed Anglophile, like Steve Caughen, Asmussen admits to feeling homesick sometimes. "But then another winner comes along and the moment passes," he reflects.

A revving car waits to transport the handsome Texan to Saturday's evening fixture at Kempton and yet another winner, Shantillya from Fulke Johnson Houghton's stable.

Longchamp Sunday, Leopardstown Monday — the circus moves on for Asmussen.

The demands are great, but then again so are the rewards for this dedicated champion, who is certain to be an ever-increasing force on our racing scene.

Rimell leads women's clean sweep in final

By Brian Beel

Katie Rimell left her hospital bed after an appendicectomy operation just over three weeks ago, but on Saturday punched the air in delight as she rode Three Counties into the winner's enclosure after the *Three and a Half* final at Stratford.

At the two-mile mark only five of the 11 runners had any chance and of these only one, Pointy Pass, was not ridden by a woman. Tim Thomson Jones had taken this chance ride but Pointy Pass was the first to weaken and soon afterwards Jennifer Layton, in fourth place, was unseated from Mister Ryan.

Katie Rimell then kicked on and opened up a gap from Scottish challenger, Flying Ace, and though this hung on for a while under Doreen Calder's driving the writing was soon on the wall and Three Counties jumped the last well ahead to score by 20 lengths.

Caroline Beasley, always chasing these two, made it a clean sweep for the women on Ebor, holding off the last-finisher Phil Grey for third place.

Point-to-point results

EXMOOR (Bristol Down) Hunt: 1 Admiral Bontow, 2 Galaxy Imp, 3 Hand Me Down, 4F: Humber, 5 Chocor, 6 Buros, 7 Lord, 8 Virentland, 9 Add, 10 Marny's, 11 Burt, 12 Seaton, 13 Marny's, 14 Marny's, 15 Marny's, 16 Marny's, 17 Marny's, 18 Marny's, 19 Marny's, 20 Marny's, 21 Marny's, 22 Marny's, 23 Marny's, 24 Marny's, 25 Marny's, 26 Marny's, 27 Marny's, 28 Marny's, 29 Marny's, 30 Marny's, 31 Marny's, 32 Marny's, 33 Marny's, 34 Marny's, 35 Marny's, 36 Marny's, 37 Marny's, 38 Marny's, 39 Marny's, 40 Marny's, 41 Marny's, 42 Marny's, 43 Marny's, 44 Marny's, 45 Marny's, 46 Marny's, 47 Marny's, 48 Marny's, 49 Marny's, 50 Marny's, 51 Marny's, 52 Marny's, 53 Marny's, 54 Marny's, 55 Marny's, 56 Marny's, 57 Marny's, 58 Marny's, 59 Marny's, 60 Marny's, 61 Marny's, 62 Marny's, 63 Marny's, 64 Marny's, 65 Marny's, 66 Marny's, 67 Marny's, 68 Marny's, 69 Marny's, 70 Marny's, 71 Marny's, 72 Marny's, 73 Marny's, 74 Marny's, 75 Marny's, 76 Marny's, 77 Marny's, 78 Marny's, 79 Marny's, 80 Marny's, 81 Marny's, 82 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Robinson back in favour after 10-Test absence

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

Because of the customary doubts about Dilley's fitness, as well, perhaps, as the need to put Botham on his mettle, England will take a party of 13 players to Old Trafford on Wednesday for the first Test match against Pakistan, sponsored by Cornhill and starting there on Thursday.

Capel appears for the first time at this level, and Robinson is back in favour after an absence of 10 Test matches. Lamb, however, has gone, his Test record since 1984 having brought him down.

After missing the last of the one-day internationals with a strained side, Dilley played in the Benson and Hedges at the Oval on Wednesday but is out of the Worcestershire side that is playing Essex. He hopes to bowl 11 overs in a one-day game tomorrow. With Emburey and Edmonds both likely to play unless the pitch is unexpectedly green, either Dilley or Foster will presumably be left out, together, probably, with Capel.

Lamb's high spirits and splendid fielding will be greatly missed, yet since making four hundreds in the home Test matches three years ago, three of them against West Indies, he has had a top score of 67 in 39 Test innings, and for an England number four that, quite simply, is not good enough. His last Test 50 was 22 innings ago.

When he was dropped last, after the second Test against India last year, Lamb soon worked his way back by virtue of the runs he was making for Northamptonshire. If he does the same again now it could be for the World Cup, his one-

day record being exceptionally good, but I imagine Fairbrother, for one, will be given a chance first.

Capel, 24 next month, is a "local boy made good". He was born in Northampton, went to school just down the road and he plays for Northamptonshire. Before making a living out of cricket he was apprenticed to a firm making road-made surgical shoes. He played for Young England against the West Indian equivalents in 1982 and went to Australia in the winter of 1982-83 on a Whitbread scholarship.

Since then Capel has

England team

	Tests	Age
B C Broad (Nottingham)	10	23
R T Robinson (Nottingham)	10	23
C W J Athey (Gloucestershire)	13	29
M W Gatting (Middlesex)	53	29
D I Gower (Leicestershire)	31	30
T T Botham (Worcestershire)	89	31
D J Capel (Northamptonshire)	0	24
J E Emburey (Middlesex)	42	34
P A J DeFreitas (Leicestershire)	4	21
A A Foster (Essex)	14	25
B N French (Nottingham)	5	27
P H Edmonds (Middlesex)	48	38
G R Dilley (Worcestershire)	26	28

On the principle of horses for courses Lancashire's Jack Simmonds, at the age of 46, could even have become the second oldest Englishman to win a first Test cap. James Southerton was the oldest, being 49 when he played in the first Test match of all - at Melbourne 110 years ago.

Like Simmonds, Southerton bowled off-breaks, was a useful middle order batsman, a safe slip and a keen student of the game. He became a publican in Mitham, if Jack is wondering what to do next.

The more Capel has filled out the faster and better a bowler he has become, something which Mickey Stewart, the England manager, must have decided for himself after seeing him in Sharjah in April

A Test of loyalty for Qadir

Pakistan have repeated their SOS call to their missing leg spinner, Abdul Qadir. The bowler, aged 31, has reportedly told his country's cricket officials that he will not leave for England until after the first Test at Old Trafford.

His departure has been delayed by a sick wife and he maintains that "family matters take precedence over other things". But Hasib Ahsan, the manager of the touring side, said at Lord's yesterday: "I will speak with Ijaz Butt, secretary of our board, and ask him to tell Abdul that we would still like to see him at Old Trafford."

"The longer he has in this country before the second Test (at Lord's, starting on June 18) the better. He is a very important weapon for us. If he has a change of heart and arrives before Thursday we would still consider very strongly playing him."

Capel has a tough act to follow

By Alan Lee

Ian Botham, like other titans, attracts comparisons with tedious frequency. Just for once, however, there is some validity. David Capel may not be the finished article but the links and the similarities are strong enough to take him seriously as an embryo Botham.

Yesterday, as the rumours proved justified and Capel's name appeared in the England squad, the assessment came from Geoff Cook, Capel's Northamptonshire captain since his debut in 1981. Cook volunteered: "There is a lot of Botham in him. The comparisons are inevitable but they are valid. Just like Ian, Capel is aggressively ambitious."

"His ambition is so strong that he has sometimes been a difficult personality to handle. He sticks his chest out, has great belief in himself and where he is going. These are good characteristics, now that

he has them under control."

Capel is a rare home-bred in his county side, and now, Cook says, he must step into Botham's shoes and be prepared for the unfavourable comparisons of all.

"I think he will thrive on it. He is a top cricketer, one of only two genuine all-rounders in the English game. Famously enough, I don't think he ever intended to be thought of like that. He always wanted to be a batsman. It was through our selfishness that we made him bowl."

Capel, thrust into an unfamiliar spotlight, saved his incisive remark for Allan Lamb, his county colleague, who has been dropped by England for the second time in 12 months. "Allan," Capel said with a knowing smile, "is not the sort of man to take this lying down."

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Camel driver giving his pursuers the hump: Senna secure in the Lotus winning position

Pre-Derby jolt for Cautchen

By Michael Seely

Steve Cautchen, who will be riding the 6-4 favourite, Reference Point, in the Derby on Wednesday, narrowly escaped serious injury at Kempton on Saturday night when Intimidate ran amok in the paddock before the Tony Stratton Smith Memorial Stakes.

The jockey jumped off the two-year-old, but Clive Brittain, Intimidate's trainer, was dragged along the ground. Earlier in the afternoon at Newmarket Cautchen had announced that, as expected, Reference Point would be his Derby mount.

"I knew after York that I would be likely to pick the favourite," he said. "But both he and Legal Bid are good horses and I wanted to see how they both came out."

Opinion that the season's leading rider has an outstanding chance of repeating his 1985 feat of winning the Derby and Oaks on Slip Anchor and Oh So Sharp hardened after Scimitarra, his mount in the Oaks on Saturday, worked brilliantly with Overdrive, Nom de Plume and Queen Midas in the morning.

"She just swooped down on them," Henry Cecil, trainer of both Scimitarra and Reference Point, said. "She was going so strongly, that I thought she might end up in the town."

Reference Point remains a firm Derby favourite, but Scimitarra's price has shortened from 16-1 to 10-1 since Wednesday as the Aga Khan attempts to win the blue ribbon of the turf for the third time in seven years.

Senna leads procession after majestic Mansell bows out

From John Blunsden, Monte Carlo

Ayrton Senna scored the first win for an actively suspended Formula One car yesterday when he took his Camel Lotus-Honda to a comfortable victory in the Monaco Grand Prix. He finished the 78-lap race more than 33 seconds clear of Nelson Piquet's similarly powered Canon Williams after the sternest test which has yet been given to his car's advanced suspension system.

"It worked very well throughout the race," he said. "And my only real concern was not to wear out my tyres too quickly by driving too hard early in the race."

During this period the race was being led in majestic style by Nigel Mansell, who immediately established a two-second lead over Senna on the opening lap, then built it to over 10 seconds by lap 15. At this stage it looked as though Mansell's Williams-Honda was completely in command, but the gap opened only marginally after that, and on lap 30 Mansell drove slowly back to the pits to retire with lack of turbo-pressure caused by a hole in his exhaust system.

"Up to that point everything was going perfectly," he said. "And I was feeling very comfortable at the pace I was setting."

His retirement put Senna into a 16-second lead over Piquet, which he steadily extended over the remainder of what was to prove a rather processional race. But there was one worrying moment for Senna with about 15 laps to go.

"I missed a gear between the two right-hand corners near the swimming pool and when I braked hard because of this the car gave a nasty wiggle, but fortunately I managed to get it straight again without hitting anything and everything was fine after that. Towards the end I continued to lap faster than was really necessary because I felt that this was the best way to keep my concentration."

MONACO GRAND PRIX: 1. Ayrton Senna (Lotus-Honda), 78 laps, 1:57.54 (best lap, 1:28.27); 2. Nelson Piquet (Canon Williams-Honda), 1:58.27; 3. M. Alboreto (Ferrari), 1:58.66; 4. J. J. Agnelli (Ferrari), 1:59.00; 5. S. B. Jones (Williams-Honda), 1:59.00; 6. J. J. Agnelli (Ferrari), 1:59.00; 7. J. J. Agnelli (Ferrari), 1:59.00; 8. J. J. Agnelli (Ferrari), 1:59.00; 9. J. J. Agnelli (Ferrari), 1:59.00; 10. J. J. Agnelli (Ferrari), 1:59.00; 11. J. J. Agnelli (Ferrari), 1:59.00; 12. J. J. Agnelli (Ferrari), 1:59.00; 13. J. J. Agnelli (Ferrari), 1:59.00; 14. J. J. Agnelli (Ferrari), 1:59.00; 15. J. J. Agnelli (Ferrari), 1:59.00; 16. J. J. Agnelli (Ferrari), 1:59.00; 17. J. J. Agnelli (Ferrari), 1:59.00; 18. J. J. Agnelli (Ferrari), 1:59.00; 19. J. J. Agnelli (Ferrari), 1:59.00; 20. J. J. Agnelli (Ferrari), 1:59.00; 21. J. J. Agnelli (Ferrari), 1:59.00; 22. J. J. Agnelli (Ferrari), 1:59.00; 23. J. J. Agnelli (Ferrari), 1:59.00; 24. J. J. Agnelli (Ferrari), 1:59.00; 25. J. J. 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